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BIRTHS

ACLAND.—On March 6, 1930, at 73, Upper Berkeley-street, W.1, to MAY LARKET, wife of SIR WILLIAM H. D. ACLAND, Bt., a daughter.

BROOKE TAYLOR.—On March 5, 1930, at Buxton, to RACHEL (*née* Pawson), wife of E. M. BROOKE TAYLOR —a son (stillborn).

BRUNNSTROM.—On Feb. 25, 1930, at Greenfields, Weston-Rhyn, the wife (*née* LOVELY) of LEOPOLD BRUNNSTROM, of a daughter.

BRYANT.—On March 5, 1930, at 28, Richmond-road, East's Corner, S.W., to BEATRICE MARY (*née* Parker), wife of F. S. H. BRYANT—a son.

COBB.—On Feb. 8, 1930, in Shanghai, to WINIFRED (*née* Robertson), the wife of A. H. K. COBB—a son (PETER).

FARROW.—On March 5, 1930, at 50, Becmead-avenue, S.W.16, the wife of LESLIE W. FARROW—a daughter.

GEORGE.—On March 3, 1930, at Nairobi, wife of WILLIAM JOHN HASTINGS GEORGE—a son.

HALL WATT.—On March 6, 1930, at 5, Clarendon-place, W., to ANGELA, wife of ALVERSEY HALL WATT—a daughter.

HOLLEY.—On March 5, 1930, to AMABEL, wife of KENNETH H. HOLLEY of Eversleigh, Norton-on-Tees—a daughter.

HUTTON.—On March 5, 1930, at a nursing home in Sevenoaks, to Hepworth (*née* Mason), wife of ROBERT CAMPION HUTTON, of Lyndhurst, Seal, Kent—a son.

LANGRAN.—On Feb. 22, 1930, in Ceylon, to JOAN, wife of BARTLE LANGRAN, Ceylon Police Service—a son.

SEARS.—On March 6, 1930, at 41, Royal-avenue, Chelsea, to MARY RHONDA (*née* Dodge), wife of LIEUTENANT H. P. SEARS, R.N.—a son. (American papers, please copy.)

SHEPHERD.—On March 1, 1930, at The Lodge, Walberswick, JOSEPHINE, wife of WING-COMDR. PHILIP SHEPHERD (retd.)—a son.

SMITH.—On March 2, 1930, at 7, Buchanan-road, Walsall, Staffs, to MURIEL (*né* Agnew), wife of T. SIDNEY SMITH—a daughter.

SOUTHERN.—On March 4, 1930, at Little Rignall, Great Missenden, Bucks, to DORIS, wife of L. J. C. SOUTHERN—a son.

SPRAGGE.—On March 5, 1930, at 7, Knaresborough-place, S.W.5, to HONOR, wife of LT.-CDR. G. K. SPRAGGE, R.N.—a son.

TALBOT.—On March 6, 1930, to CYNTHIA, wife of EVAN TALBOT—a daughter.

WADHAM.—On Feb. 7, 1930, at Biz Prairie, Alberta, Canada, to PHYLLIS (*née* Sutton), wife of ERIC SWANN WADHAM—a daughter.

WARBURTON.—On March 5, 1930, at 98, Ashley-road, Westcliff-on-Sea, to ANNE, wife of RUPERT WARBURTON—a daughter.

WARD.—On March 5, 1930, at a nursing home, Plymouth, to DOREEN, wife of R. I. D. WARD, of Oddicombe, Chillington, Devon, and Calcutta—a daughter.

WATTS.—On March 4, 1930, at Newton Abbot, to KATHLEEN, wife of CAPTAIN J. A. I. WATTS, Royal Signals—a son.

MARRIAGES

CHADWICK : GREEN.—On March 4, 1930, at St. Mary's Church, Kelvedon, by the Rev. A. Chadwick, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. R. E. Trefusis, the Rev. F. E. Dalton, and the Rev. R. W. Cust, LEONARD MARK CHADWICK, second son of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Chadwick, of Rylands, Kelvedon, to EILEEN PENELOPE BUTLER, elder daughter of Brig.-Gen. J. C. W. B. GREER, D.S.O., and Mrs. Greer, of Bowchers, Kelvedon, Essex.

CHAMBERS : SCOTT.—On March 6, 1930, at the Brompton Parish Church, by the Rev. Hubert Strong, HOLBROOK FERRIS CHAMBERS, younger son of Sir Theodore Chambers and Lady Chambers, to AUDREY RONALD SCOTT, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

DYSON : GOODBODY.—On March 3, 1930, at Harlingham Church, Buenos Aires, CHARLES WILLIAM DYSON, only son of the late C. Harding Dyson and Mrs. Dyson, of Rosario, and KATHLEEN MARY (MOLLY) GOODBODY, elder daughter of the late W. E. Goodbody and Mrs. Goodbody, of Azul F.C.S. Argentina.

HICKSON : PULLAN.—On March 4, 1930, at St. Paul's Church, Shipley, by the Rev. Canon N. H. Jolly, M.A., HENRY EIREM, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST HICKSON, of "Fairseat," Staveley-road, Shipley, to FLORENCE MARGARET (MOLLY), elder daughter of the late Mr. W. H. PULLAN and Mrs. Pullan, of 23, Ashfield-road, Shipley.

HUNT : SURRAGE.—On March 6, 1930, FREDERICK J. A. HUNT, of Corrientes, Argentina, to SYLVIA E. L. SURRAGE (*née* de Gay), of Melbourne, Australia. Argentine papers please copy.

KEPPEL-COMPTON : PRESTON.—On March 4, 1930, at Brighstone, I.O.W., by the Rev. E. W. Silver, Rector, assisted by the Rev. E. G. Wood, Vicar, the elder son of Dr. and Mrs. KEPPEL-COMPTON, of Southampton, to MARJORIE, younger daughter of the late Rev. W. B. PRESTON and Mrs. Preston, of Bedford.

REES : HUGHES.—On March 5, 1930, at All Saints' Church, Bombay, STANLEY EDWARD REES, of Bhopal, to MARGARET ROSINA HUGHES (KITTY), of Epsom, Surrey.

STEPHENSON : LYON.—On March 4, 1930, at St. Wilfrid's Church, Monk Fryston, by the Bishop of Sheffield, assisted by the Vicar, Rev. E. S. N. Bulmer, CHARLES EUSTACE KENYON, youngest son of LT.-COL. and Mrs. H. K. STEPHENSON, Hassop Hall, Bakewell, to NANCY BARBARA, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. HARRY LYON, of Hillam Hall, Monk Fryston, Yorkshire.

TOOMS : ARNEBERG.—On March 5, 1930, at Sandwick, Joats Grice Tooms, M.Inst.C.E., of Deal, formerly of Oslo, to ASTRID ARNEBERG, of Oslo, Norway.

SILVER WEDDINGS

DOUGLAS-JONES : JOHNSON.—On March 7, 1905, in London, by the Rev. Canon Curtis, CRAWFORD DOUGLAS (then Private Secretary to the Resident Commissioner of S. Rhodesia, now Colonial Secretary, British Guiana), eldest son of Col. D. F. DOUGLAS-JONES, late R.A., to MAUD MARY, youngest daughter of the late Dr. P. W. JOHNSON, of Wrabness, Downham, Norfolk.

MASSEY : PHILLIPS.—On March 7, 1905, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. A. J. Walker, M.A., PHILIP WALMSLEY, youngest son of the late SAMUEL MASSEY, of Manchester, formerly of Wilmslow, to EVELINE, fourth daughter of the late CAPTAIN PHILLIPS, R.N., and Mrs. Phillips, of Minchinhampton.

DEATHS

BARKER.—On March 5, 1930, MAJOR-GENERAL SIR GEORGE BARKER, K.C.B., Colonel-Commandant Royal Engineers, Salt Hill, Chichester, aged 80. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), East Lavant Church, 2.15 p.m. Station, Chichester, two miles. Train, 11.39 a.m. from Victoria. No flowers, no mourning, by his desire.

BONNER.—On March 5, 1930, at 7, Avenue-road, South Norwood, HORACE THOMAS BONNER, Architect, late of King-street, Cheapside, and Lewisham. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) at 11 a.m. at Elmers End Cemetery, Addiscombe. Papers, please copy.

BROWN.—On March 5, 1930, at a nursing home, Inverness, DAVID ARNOTT DOUGLAS BROWN, Kilicumein Lodge, Fort Augustus, son of the late Thomas Brown, of Dalnair, Drymen, Stirlingshire.

BUMSTED.—On March 6, 1930, at Elmfield, 34, Leghan Court-road, Streatham, S.W.16, ALICE SARAH BUMSTED, widow of John Campbell Bumsted, in her 87th year.

CARTMELL.—On Feb. 28, 1930, at Glasgow, as result of motor accident, JOHN MOSKROUGE CARTMELL, late of Carlisle, in his 70th year.

ENSOR.—On March 2, 1930, at Empress-road, Derby, ALICE, the beloved wife of the late THOMAS FRANK ENSOR. Foreign papers, please copy.

FORD.—On March 4, 1930, at Adel Willows, Leeds, EMILY SARAH FORD, Service Adel Church to-day (Friday), 2.30 p.m. No flowers.

FROST.—On March 5, 1930, at a Plymouth nursing home, JAMES JOHN FROST, of Glebe House, Hayes, Kent. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), at Hayes.

HASSELL.—At 6, Warwick-crescent, W.2, MARY LOUISA, widow of GEORGE CLEMENTS HASSELL, of Northumberland. No mourning or flowers, by request.

HODSON SMITH.—On March 6, 1930, at Cromfield, Harpenden, ELSIE, the beloved wife of REV. W. HODSON SMITH, Principal, National Children's Home and Orphanage. Interment on Monday, March 10, at 2.30, at the Children's Cemetery, Harpenden.

HOLLAND.—On March 5, 1930, at "Glenarff," Thames Ditton, after a brief illness, ERNEST ROBERT, beloved husband of CLARA FRANCES HOLLAND, aged 68. Funeral (Cremation) Monday, March 10, at Woking, 2.15.

HOLMWOOD.—On March 4, 1930, at 21, Courtfield-road, S.W., SIR HERBERT HOLMWOOD, KT., late Judge of the High Court, Calcutta, in his 74th year. A Memorial Service will be held at the Church Army Church, Upper Berkeley-street, Marble Arch, at 10.45 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday). Cremation at Golders Green at 12 noon. No flowers.

HOOKER.—On March 4, 1930, EMILY JULIA, beloved wife of BENJAMIN HOOKER, of Caistor, Hockley. Funeral Sutton-road Cemetery, Monday, March 10, at 12 noon.

ILBERY.—On March 5, 1930, at 44, Holland Park-avenue, London, JANE ANNIE, widow of J. W. H. ILBERY, in her 94th year. Funeral service to-morrow (Saturday), at Kensal Green Cemetery, at 11 o'clock. (Scottish and Australian papers, please copy.)

INGLIS.—On March 6, 1930, at 27, Greycoat-gardens, S.W.1, EVELYN, beloved wife of LT.-COL. INGLIS, dear daughter of Mrs. E. M. Crumble. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) Gap-road Cemetery, Wimbledon, 11.45. No mourning, by her request.

JACKSON.—On March 6, 1930, at Sidmouth, MARY, widow of JOSEPH BURDEKIN JACKSON, J.P., of Kemnal Mount, Sheffield.

DEATHS (continued)

JONES.—On March 6, 1930, at "Selattyn," Purley Downs-road, Sanderstead, Surrey, RONALD ROBERT MCFAR JONES, in his 83rd year. Late of Kimberley, South Africa. Funeral Sanderstead Church to-morrow (Saturday), at 2.30 p.m.

KER.—On March 6, 1930, at Malvern, MARK WETHERBY KER, in his 92nd year. Funeral at St. Pancras Cemetery, East Finchley, at 12.15 on Monday, March 10. R.I.P.

KIRTON.—On March 5, 1930, at 8, Rosemont-road, Richmond, Surrey, KATE KIRTON, widow of Thomas Saunders Kirton, aged 76.

LAUGHTON.—On March 3, 1930, FREDERICK LAUGHTON, 113, Tottenham-lane, Hornsey. Funeral at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hornsey, at 11 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

LOCKYER.—On March 5, 1930, at Dovenby Hall, Cockermouth, EDNA LOCKYER, for 18 years the dearly loved nurse and friend of Hubert Baliantine Dykes, aged 85.

McCLURE.—On March 5, 1930, at 24, Swinley-road, Wigan, WILLIAM EWART MCCLURE, M.Sc., late Headmaster Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School, aged 55. Funeral Holy Trinity, North Ashton, to-morrow (Saturday), at 12.

McCOY.—On March 4, 1930, at High Wycombe, HENRIETTA MARY, the beloved wife of the late CAPTAIN ROBERT MCCOY. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), 3 p.m., Parish Church.

MACKINTOSH.—On March 4, 1930, in a Roecnsfield nursing home, HILDA GWENDOLINE, wife of FRANCIS HENRY MACKINTOSH, Junior, of Amersham.

McLEAN.—On March 6, 1930, at The Manor Lodge, Harrow-on-the-Hill, JOAN MCLEAN, for nearly 40 years beloved friend and "Nanny" in the families of Sheriff Lorimer, of Edinburgh, and of Dr. and Mrs. Crichton-Miller. "Her children rise up and call her blessed." Funeral service at The Manor Lodge 1.30 to-morrow (Saturday).

MILLETT.—On March 5, 1930, at Sutton-in-Ashfield, the REV. JULIAN MILLETT, M.A., Vicar of St. Michael's, aged 48.

MORRIS.—On March 3, 1930, suddenly, at the Woodlands, Beeston, Notts, ADA HENRIETTA, widow of W. E. MORRIS.

NOEL.—On March 5, 1930, after a short illness, at 100, Highbury-hill, N.5, AMY SARAH, widow of ALFRED NOEL, of above address, and 51, King's-square, E.C.1. Interment in family grave at Islington Cemetery on Monday, March 10, at 12.30 p.m.

PAGE.—On March 5, 1930, at Pitland, Sidmouth, AGNES, widow of GEORGE PAGE, aged 72.

PARKINSON.—On March 4, 1930, at Hillsborough, Harrogate, ROBERT PARKINSON, last surviving son of the late Robert Parkinson, of Garstang and Blackburn, aged 83 years.

PIPER.—On March 5, 1930, suddenly, at King's Leigh, Whitstable, FRANCIS PARRIS PIPER, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.O.H., son of the late William Piper, Esq., of Ashleton Hall, Shropshire, and dearly loved husband of Heather Alice Piper. Funeral All Saints', Whitstable, 2.30 to-morrow (Saturday).

PRATT.—On Tuesday, March 4, 1930, at 49, St. Jude's-road West, Wolverhampton, LOUISA MARY PRATT, widow of A. T. Camden Pratt, Journalist, of London, aged 74 years. Funeral St. Laurence Church, Upminster, Essex, to-morrow (Saturday), at 12 noon.

RIDLEY.—On March 5, 1930, at a nursing home, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, following an operation, MARY CONSTANCE RIDLEY, of Hill Top, Alnmouth, third daughter of the late John Hilton Ridley, of Park End, and Mrs. Ridley, Little Park Road, Simonburn. Funeral at Simonburn to-morrow (Saturday) at 2.30.

SHARMAN.—On March 5, 1930, suddenly, at a nursing home, Bournemouth, ERIC HARDING SHARMAN, Lieut.-Colonel, I.M.S., retired, eldest son of Eric Rudd Sharman, of Liverpool. Funeral service, 2 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) at St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

SHEEHAN.—On Wednesday, March 5, 1930, at Lyndale, St. Albans, MARY, second daughter of the late John and Lavinia Sheehan, late of Cork, Ireland.

STEVENS.—On March 5, 1930, suddenly, at 103, Palewell-park, East Sheen, ALBERT GEORGE HAGGOOD (ALLY) STEVENS, aged 70. Funeral Barnes Cemetery, Monday next, March 10, at 3 o'clock. Friends, please take this, the only intimation.

TAYLOR.—On March 6, 1930, at 4, Florence-road, Ealing, ELIZABETH ANNE, widow of the HON. E. B. A. TAYLOR, C.M.G., late of Bahamas.

TOMKINS.—On March 4, 1930, at The Cottage, Broughton, Hants, WILLIAM STEELE TOMKINS, aged 93. Funeral 2 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday). No flowers, please.

TURNER.—On March 5, 1930, MARGUERITE BERESFORD TURNER, R.A., passed away after six months' illness cheerfully borne. Service—4 p.m. to-day (Friday), Golders Green Crematorium.

WAINRIGHT.—On March 4, 1930, at "Homedale," Fairfield Park-road, Leckhampton, Glos., FLORENCE EMILIE WAINRIGHT, aged 59. Interment at Cheltenham Cemetery at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

IN MEMORIAM
ON ACTIVE SERVICE

GLAZEBROOK.—In loving and ever-present memory of MAJOR P. K. GLAZEBROOK, D.S.O., M.P., Cheshire Yeomanry, killed in action in Palestine on March 7, 1918.

HALDINSTEIN.—In proud and ever-loving memory of FRANK W. HALDINSTEIN (CAPT., R.E.), who died of wounds at Hazebrouck, March 7, 1917, aged 22.

"... wasting of that weight
Of learning like a flower."

PLATTS.—In unfading memory of my only son, CAPTAIN J. C. PLATTS (JACK), 17th Cavalry I.A., killed in action, Mesopotamia, March 7, 1920, aged 22; and LIEUTENANT R. A. PLATTS (TINY), killed in action at Gavrelle, April 28, 1917, aged 19.

"Not dead, nob undistrous yet,
Still sentient, still unsatisfied.
We'll ride the air, and slide, and flit
Around the places where we died."

W. J. PLATTS.

ALTMAN.—To the dear memory of our darling Mother, DAME MARGARET ALTMAN, who passed away March 7, 1927.

"Peace, perfect peace."

BLAKE.—In remembrance of SIR ACTON BLAKE, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., who died suddenly at sea, March 7, 1926. Most dearly loved.—L.

CLARKE.—To the dear memory of WILLIAM CLARKE, who entered the Higher Life on March 7, 1923.

COHEN.—In loving memory of REV. DAVID COHEN, who died at Cannes on March 7, 1928.—BETTY.

JOHNSTONE-WILSON.—MAUDE ELLEN. In ever-loving memory of Mother, who died March 6, 1929.

LINDO.—In fond remembrance of FANNY LINDO and BENJAMIN PYKE (my loved grandmother and aunt), killed in the London air raid of March 7, 1918. Also of two of the household who perished with them.—GERALD.

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MRS. MASHITER wishes to THANK all who have kindly sent EXPRESSIONS of SYMPATHY with her in her bereavement, and hopes she may be able to answer them personally at a later date.—

LIEUT.-COL. H. PAUL TREEBY and family desire to THANK the many friends who have sent kind letters and tokens of sympathy in their bereavement, and hope to acknowledge each later.

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Nalden	16,000	Harrison	May 2	May 9
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*MUNDRA	7,275	Apr. 12	Apr. 9	Apr. 19
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†MANELA	8,262	—	Mar. 15	Mar. 22
†MERKARA	8,266	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Apr. 2
MARGHA	8,278	Apr. 2	Apr. 12	Apr. 19

† From Tyne Mar. 17.

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†KUMASI	9,262	Mar. 22	Apr. 5	Apr. 11	Apr. 17
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Short description of land.	Person to be registered.
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The Firs, Horsham Road, Waldron, Sussex. (P.58928.)	Louisa Davidge, of Hostelton, Teddington Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex.
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Land in Weald Road, Brentwood, Essex. (P.58950.)	Harry George Hills, of 62, North Road Avenue, Brentwood, Essex.
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Land in the Avenue, Wivenhoe, Essex. (P.58970.)	Coderic Garages Limited, of 181, Brixton Hill, S.W.2.
Land in Linden Road, Holly Bush Lane and Percy Road, Hampton, Middlesex. (P.58979.)	Henry Charles Fox Frere, of Snape Cottage, Mount Felix, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, Lionel Bullen, of 1, Barlow Road, Hampton, Middlesex, and William Watkins, of 1, Coldharbour Lane, Hayes, Middlesex.
Land and cottages at Little Hallingbury, Herts. (P.58989.)	Lucy Emma Fenner, of 94, Cranes Park, Harlesden, N.W.10.
Land in Ember Lane, Thames Ditton, Surrey. (P.58991.)	John Gregg, of 14, Manor Drive, Mill Hill, N.W.7, and Leslie Thorburn Marjoram, of 25, Sloane Street, S.W.1.
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Land to the south of Leithwaite Road, Rayleigh, Essex. (P.59030.)	Herbert Arthur Kidd, of 172, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1.
Land in Horn Lane, Acton, Middlesex. (P.59032.)	William Frederick Athawes, of 170, High Street, Acton, W.3.
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The Anchorage, 13, Village Road, Bushhill Park, Enfield, Middlesex. (P.59023.)	Elsie Elizabeth Catherine Stern, of 50, Carnhan Road, Muswell Hill, N.10, Palmers Green, N.13.

J. S. STEWART-WALLACE, Chief Land Registrar.

IN the Matter of a DEED of ASSIGNMENT for the benefit of creditors executed on the 28th day of September, 1929, by Charles Anderson Karle, of Heywood Lodge, Chester; John Hunter Carlton, of Parkfield, Upton Heath, Chester; Joseph Grierson Clayton, of Brook Hall, Tattenhall, Chester; Philip Henry Brewster Toosey, of Firwood, Nocturum, Birkenhead; Alfred Jackson Brown, of Huyton House, Huyton, Lancaster, as Trustees, and lately carrying on business at 139-144 The Albany, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, 11 Tithebarn Street, Liverpool, The Cotton Exchange, Liverpool, 21, Mincing Lane, London, E.C.3, 127 Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3, 517 Royal Exchange, Manchester, 8 Gordon Street, Glasgow, and Whiteaway Laidlaw Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay:

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any CLAIMS against the Joint and/or Separate Estates of the above-named, who have not already sent in their claims, are required, on or before the Twenty-second day of March, 1930, to send particulars thereof, in writing, to us, the undersigned, William Roberts MacGregor, Chartered Accountant, and Richard Caton de Zouche, Chartered Accountant, of 134 The Albany, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, Joint Trustees under the said Deed, and to execute their Assent in writing to the said Deed, and that in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of the Dividend proposed to be declared.

Dated this Fourth day of March, 1930.

W. R. MACGREGOR } Joint Trustees.
R. C. DE ZOUCHE }

No. 00127 of 1930.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE: Chancery Division: Companies Court: Mr. Justice Maugham. In the Matter of CROFTON SECURITIES Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1929. NOTICE is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above named company by the High Court of Justice was on the 1st day of March 1930 presented to the said Court by Sells Limited whose registered office is at 168, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, Creditors of the said Company and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London on the 17th day of March 1930 and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 7th day of March 1930.

T. D. JONES & Co., 168, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. Solicitors for the petitioners.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above named T. D. Jones & Co., notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or if a firm the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served or if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than one o'clock in the afternoon of the 15th March 1930.

RE COLONEL MONTAGU CRADOCK Deceased Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925. Notice is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other persons having any claims or demands against the estate of COLONEL MONTAGU CRADOCK late of 90 Piccadilly London and Hartforth Grange Richmond Yorks C.B. (who died on the 14th day of December 1929) and whose Will was proved in the Principal Probate Registry on the 24th day of February 1930 by Sir Robert Mills Welsford one of the Executors therein named) are hereby requested to send particulars in writing of such claims and demands to the Executor at 22 Aldermanbury E.C.2, on or before the 10th day of May 1930 after which date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and demands of which the Executor shall then have received notice and the Executor will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands he shall not then have had notice.

Dated the 3rd day of March 1930.

BIDDLE THORNE WELSFORD & GATT, 22, Aldermanbury, E.C.2. Solicitors for the Executor.

LEGAL NOTICES (continued)

GERTRUDE JOANNA SELLAR Deceased Pursuant to Trustee Act 1925 Notice is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of GERTRUDE JOANNA SELLAR late of No. 18, Frances Gate South Kensington, London, Widow deceased (who died on the 24th day of November 1929) and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Principal Probate Registry to the sole Executor Sir Walter Johnston Halsey Baronet) are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to us the undersigned Solicitors for the Executor on or before the 7th day of April 1930 next at the undermentioned address after which date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and demands of which he shall then have had notice and he will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim or demand he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 4th day of February 1930.

HALSEY, LIGHTLY & HEMSLEY, 22, St. James's Place, London, S.W.1, Solicitors for the said Executor.

H.M. LAND REGISTRY, LONDON, W.C.2. LAND REGISTRATION ACT, 1925. NOTICE is hereby given that the following LAND is about to be REGISTERED. Objections (if any) should be addressed to The Chief Land Registrar, H.M. Land Registry, London, W.C.2., must be made before the expiration of 14 days from the 7th day of March, 1930.

Short description of land.	Person to be registered.
FREEHOLD. 165, Edmund Road, Hastings. (HT.2066.)	Albert Henry Bevis and Charlotte Victoria Bevis, both of 108, High Street, Hastings.
Land in Parr Road, Enfield, Middlesex. (P.56097.)	Arundell Lelean Edwards and Herbert Edwards, both of 344, High Road, Wood Green, N.22.
Land in Byron Avenue, Coulsdon, Surrey. (P.58899.)	John Chester and William Thorpe Hopkins, both of Trelawney, Bramley Avenue, Coulsdon, Surrey.
The Firs, Horsham Road, Waldron, Sussex. (P.58928.)	Louisa Davidge, of Hostelton, Teddington Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex.
Bromes Wood and land in road leading from Biddenden to Bishopsdale, Biddenden and Benenden, Kent. (P.58936.)	Amy Kathleen Binder, of 38, Hyde Park Gate, S.W.7.
Land in Weald Road, Brentwood, Essex. (P.58950.)	Harry George Hills, of 62, North Road Avenue, Brentwood, Essex.
Land situate north-east of Western Avenue, Ealing, Middlesex. (P.58951.)	The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, of 2, 3, & 4, Cockspur Street, Westminster, S.W.1.
Land in Great West Road, New Brentford, Middlesex. (P.58960.)	The Sperry Gyroscope Company Limited, of 15, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.1.
Land adjoining Widdicombe (formerly Deneen), West Drive, Ferring, Sussex. (P.58968.)	Clarence Henry Ralph Hancock, of Letchworth, Downside Road, Sutton, Surrey.
Land in High Street, Wivenhoe, Essex. (P.58969.)	Mabel Gertrude Elsey, of 110, Marlborough Flats, Walton Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.
Land in the Avenue, Wivenhoe, Essex. (P.58970.)	Coderic Garages Limited, of 181, Brixton Hill, S.W.2.
Land in Linden Road, Holly Bush Lane and Percy Road, Hampton, Middlesex. (P.58979.)	Henry Charles Fox Frere, of Snape Cottage, Mount Felix, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, Lionel Bullen, of 1, Barlow Road, Hampton, Middlesex, and William Watkins, of 1, Coldharbour Lane, Hayes, Middlesex.
Land and cottages at Little Hallingbury, Herts. (P.58989.)	Lucy Emma Fenner, of 94, Cranes Park, Harlesden, N.W.10.
Land in Ember Lane, Thames Ditton, Surrey. (P.58991.)	John Gregg, of 14, Manor Drive, Mill Hill, N.W.7, and Leslie Thorburn Marjoram, of 25, Sloane Street, S.W.1.
341, Long Lane, Finchley, Middlesex. (P.59000.)	William Turner Warwick, of 5, Furnival Institute, Oakfield Road, Golders Green, N.W.11.
159, Plaistow Road, West Ham. (P.59003.)	Frances Elizabeth Edith Singleton, of 159, Plaistow Road, Plaistow, E.15.
84, Denys, Poole Road, Branksome, Poole, Dorset. (P.59005.)	May Jones, of Merly, Ashley Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey and Richard Solly, of Mayland, Manor Way, Beckenham, Kent.
The Retreat, Heysham Road, Heysham, Lancs. (P.59006.)	Thurston Bolton, of 9, Winterdyne Terrace, Morecambe, Lancaster.
Land to the south of Leithwaite Road, Rayleigh, Essex. (P.59030.)	Herbert Arthur Kidd, of 172, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1.
Land in Horn Lane, Acton, Middlesex. (P.59032.)	William Frederick Athawes, of 170, High Street, Acton, W.3.
10, Brewster Road, Low Leyton, Essex. (P.59035.)	John Winkle, of 10, Brewster Road, Leyton, E.10.
Kinmel, Bradford Road, Stanningley, Farsley, Yorkshire. (P.59047.)	Mary Horner, of Kinmel, Bradford Road, Stanningley, Yorks.
Shandon, Bramble down Road, Wallington, Surrey. (P.59048.)	Henry Francis Gillett, of Shandon, Bramble down Road, Wallington, Surrey.
Land to south-east of Cross Oak Road and adjoining the Reservoir, Great Berkhamsted Urban, Hertford. (P.59096.)	William Howell Turner, of Cross Oak Road, Berkhamsted.
108, London Road, St. George the Martyr, London. (S.S.S.)	Wall Paper Stores, Limited, of 105, Long Acre, and Albion Street, Leeds.
105, 106, 107, and 109, London Road, St. George the Martyr, London. (S.S.S.)	Charles David Matthews, of 105 and 106, London Road, Southwark, S.E.1.
102 and 103, London Road, 13, St. George's Market, and Land and Building adjoining, St. George the Martyr, London. (S.S.S.)	Littlewood Brothers, Limited, of 102, London Road, Southwark, S.E.1.
104, London Road, St. George the Martyr, London. (S.S.S.)	Frederick Roberts, of 104, London Road, Southwark, S.E.1.
109, 110, and 111, London Road, and Building in rear of 109, London Road, St. George-the-Martyr, London. (S.S.S.)	Littlewood Brothers, Limited, of 102, London Road, Southwark, S.E.1, Frederick Roberts, of 104, London Road, Southwark, S.E.1, Charles David Matthews, of 105 and 106, London Road, Southwark, S.E.1, and Wall Paper Stores, Limited, of Bar Chambers, 105, Albion Street, Leeds.
65, Cheapside, and 5, Crown Court, City of London. (S.S.S.)	The Master and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors of the Fraternity of St. John Baptist, in the City of London.
2, Grosvenor Gardens, City of Westminster, London. (S.S.S.)	The Most Noble Hugh Richard Arthur Duke of Westminster, G.C.V.O., D.S.O., care of Messrs. Boodle, Hamilton and Co., of 53, Davies Street, W.1.
125, Fleet Street, City of London. (S.S.S.)	The Daily Express Building Company, Limited, of 23, St. Bride Street, E.C.4.

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The Anchorage, 13, Village Road, Bushhill Park, Enfield, Middlesex. (P.59023.)	Elsie Elizabeth Catherine Stern, of 50, Carnhan Road, Muswell Hill, N.10, Palmers Green, N.13.

J. S. STEWART-WALLACE, Chief Land Registrar.

IN the Matter of a DEED of ASSIGNMENT for the benefit of creditors executed on the 28th day of September, 1929, by Charles Anderson Karle, of Heywood Lodge, Chester; John Hunter Carlton, of Parkfield, Upton Heath, Chester; Joseph Grierson Clayton, of Brook Hall, Tattenhall, Chester; Philip Henry Brewster Toosey, of Firwood, Nocturum, Birkenhead; Alfred Jackson Brown, of Huyton House, Huyton, Lancaster, as Trustees, and lately carrying on business at 139-144 The Albany, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, 11 Tithebarn Street, Liverpool, The Cotton Exchange, Liverpool, 21, Mincing Lane, London, E.C.3, 127 Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3, 517 Royal Exchange, Manchester, 8 Gordon Street, Glasgow, and Whiteaway Laidlaw Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay:

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any CLAIMS against the Joint and/or Separate Estates of the above-named, who have not already sent in their claims, are required, on or before the Twenty-second day of March, 1930, to send particulars thereof, in writing, to us, the undersigned, William Roberts MacGregor, Chartered Accountant, and Richard Caton de Zouche, Chartered Accountant, of 134 The Albany, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, Joint Trustees under the said Deed, and to execute their Assent in writing to the said Deed, and that in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of the Dividend proposed to be declared.

Dated this Fourth day of March, 1930.

W. R. MACGREGOR } Joint Trustees.
R. C. DE ZOUCHE }

No. 00127 of 1930.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE: Chancery Division: Companies Court: Mr. Justice Maugham. In the Matter of CROFTON SECURITIES Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1929. NOTICE is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above named company by the High Court of Justice was on the 1st day of March 1930 presented to the said Court by Sells Limited whose registered office is at 168, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, Creditors of the said Company and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London on the 17th day of March 1930 and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 7th day of March 1930.

T. D. JONES & Co., 168, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. Solicitors for the petitioners.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above named T. D. Jones & Co., notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or if a firm the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served or if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than one o'clock in the afternoon of the 15th March 1930.

No. 00101 of 1930.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Justice Maugham In the Matter of MILKAL Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1929. Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 20th day of February 1930 presented to His Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above named Company from £100,000 to £2,500.

And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Maugham at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London on Monday the 17th day of March 1930.

Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirming of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 5th day of March 1930.

BARTLETT & GLUCKSTEIN 199, Piccadilly, London W.1. Solicitors for the Company.

COLONEL HERBERT DANIEL FRYER deceased Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 Notice is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other persons having any debts claims or demands against the estate of COLONEL HERBERT DANIEL FRYER late of Ivy Cottage, Hever Hill, Hever Kent in the County of Sussex late Colonel of the 4th Batln of the Suffolk Regiment and Justice of the Peace for the County of Sussex who died there on the 29th day of December 1929 and to whose Estate Probate was granted by the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice on the first of February 1930 to Mary Elizabeth Fryer the Widow and Executrix and Sole Trustee are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their debts claims or demands to me the undersigned on or before the 16th day of May 1930 after which date the said Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Herbert Daniel Fryer deceased, amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the debts claims and demands of which she shall then have had notice and she will not be liable for the assets of the said Herbert Daniel Fryer, deceased, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons of whose claim or demand she shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 6th day of March, 1930.

HARRY CHANDLER, 5, New Court, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.2. Solicitor for the said Executrix.

FREDERICK ARTHUR HEYGATE LAMBERT, decd. Notice is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other persons having any debts claims or demands against the estate of FREDERICK ARTHUR HEYGATE LAMBERT, deceased, late of Glyn Malden, Dolgelley in the County of Merioneth, formerly of Fairlawn House, Woodmansterne in the County of Surrey, who died on the third day of November 1929 and whose Will was proved in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of H.M. High Court of Justice on the 28th day of December 1929 by Claude Robert Hugrese, Gerald Rose and Mary Cecilia Lambert, the Executors and Executrix thereof, are required to send particulars in writing of their debts claims and demands to the undersigned the Solicitors for the said Executors on or before the 17th day of May 1930 after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts claims and demands of which they then had notice, and they will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose debts claims and demands they shall not then have had notice.

Dated 5th March 1930.

LOWE & Co., 2, Temple Gardens, E.C.4.

00556 of 1929

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Justice Maugham. In the Matter of KARRIER MOTORS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1929 Notice is hereby given that the ORDER of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 11th day of February 1930 CONFIRMING the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above named Company from £650,000 to £250,510 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above Statute was registered by the Registrar of Companies the 28th day of February 1930.

SIMMONS & SIMMONS, 14, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.2. Solicitors for the above named Company.

No. 00101 of 1930.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Justice Maugham In the Matter of MILKAL Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1929. Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 20th day of February 1930 presented to His Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the CAPITAL of the above named Company from £100,000 to £2,500.

And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Maugham at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London on Monday the 17th day of March 1930.

Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirming of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 5th day of March 1930.

BARTLETT & GLUCKSTEIN 199, Piccadilly, London W.1. Solicitors for the Company.

JAMES LIONEL BROOKES RIDPATH deceased Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 Section 27 Notice is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of JAMES LIONEL BROOKES RIDPATH late of Brittany Lodge, Edwardes Square, formerly of 12, West Kensington Gardens, both in the County of London (who died on the 20th December 1929) and whose Will and Codicils were proved by Westminster Bank Limited, Harold Ridpath and Ferdinand Robert Fleury, the Executors therein named in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of H.M. High Court of Justice on the 1st day of March 1930) are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their debts claims or demands to us, the undersigned Solicitors to the said Executors on or before the 1st day of June 1930. And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of that time the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Testator among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the debts claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice; and that they will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any persons of whose debt claim or demand they shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 5th day of March 1930.

FRERE CHOLMELEY & Co., 28 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2. Solicitors to the said Executors.

JOAN ELLA ALLCROFT deceased. Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925. Notice is hereby given that all persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS against the ESTATE of JOAN ELLA ALLCROFT deceased, late of 3, The Druveway, Dyke Road, Brighton, in the County of Sussex (Wife of Arthur Hadrian Allcroft since deceased) who died on the 18th day of December 1929 and whose Will was proved in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of His Majesty's High Court of Justice on the 20th day of February 1930 by Westminster Bank Limited the surviving Executor named in the said Will are hereby required to send in particulars in writing of their claims or demands to us the undersigned as Solicitors for the said Executor on or before the 10th day of May 1930 after which date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Joan Ella Allcroft deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims or demands of which notice shall then have been received and will not as respects the property so distributed be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims or demands the said Executor shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of March 1930.

LINKLATERS & PAINES, 2, Bond Court, Walbrook, London, E.C.4. Solicitors for the said Executor.

LORENZO CHAVES deceased Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 Notice is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of LORENZO CHAVES late of 1739 Calle Rivadavia Buenos Aires in the Argentine Republic who died there on the 7th day of October 1928 and to whose Estate in England Letters of Administration (with the Will annexed) were granted by the Principal Probate Registry of the Probate Division of His Majesty's High Court of Justice on the 20th day of November 1929 to Juan Angel Garcez Castiella and Thomas Francis Cullinan the lawful Attorneys of Mario Novaro the Executor in the said Will are hereby required to send their particulars in writing of their claims or demands to us the undersigned as Solicitors for the said Attorneys on or before the 8th day of May 1930 after which date the said Attorneys will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the debts claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice and they will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 3rd day of March 1930.

LINKLATERS & PAINES, 2, Bond Court, Walbrook, London, E.C.4. Solicitors for the said Executor.

RE the Estate of SYDNEY MAURICE BLATCHFORD deceased. Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925, section twenty-seven Notice is hereby given that all CREDITORS and other persons having any claims or demands against the estate of SYDNEY MAURICE BLATCHFORD late of 111 Vauxhall Walk Lambeth in the County of Surrey who died on the 17th day of August 1902 and letters of administration to whose estate were granted by the Principal Probate Registry on the 22nd day of July 1929 to Frederick Charles Meadows of No. 31 Greenbays Drive South Woodford in the County of Essex Wharf Manager the lawful Attorney of Mary Gertrude Handsley of Columbia in the United States of America Widow the administrator of the said estate are hereby required to send the particulars in writing of their claims and demands to the undersigned the Solicitors for the said administrator on or before the 10th day of May 1930, after which date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the debts claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice; and that they will not be liable for the assets of the said Deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any persons of whose debt claim or demand they shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 5th day of March

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS VACANT
(Continued from Page Three)

MARRIED Couple, reared settle; run small country house near Diss; Cook-General, House-Parlourmaid; cows; good cooking; good references; £70, rising £5 yearly to £100.—Write Box 09567, The Times, 72, Regent-street, W.1.

COOK-GENERAL. House-Parlourmaid immediately; small convenient house, S.E.; three young children in family (ones away school); good plain cooking and usual household duties; personal interview essential; wages (start) £105; state ages and references.—Write Box 7 1121, The Times, E.C.4.

EXPERIENCED Married Couple, as Cook-General and Working Butler-valet, wanted at the beginning of April; housemaid kept; good references essential; state wages.—Marquis, Sandhill, Prescot Hill, Liverpool.

REQUIRED, Man and Wife as Cook-General and House-Parlourman, not over 40; must have excellent personal references; family four during holidays.—Write Mrs. Nicholson, Arden Lawn, Arkley, Barnet.

MARRIED Couple as Cook and Parlourman, by two single gentlemen, for charge easily run flat; from £100; state ages.—A. Lore, Esq., care of British Agency, Carlos, Rosebeam. (No fees.)

REQUIRED by Beauchamp Registry Office, 10, Beauchamp-place, Knightsbridge, Sloane 5564, Married Couple, Housekeepers, and Butlers; excellent posts.

BUTLER-VALET; about 30; single-handed, wanted for Herefordshire; family two; four servants; preferably married, wife work part time; wages £70-£80, and cottage.—Write Box 07964, The Times, 72, Regent-street, W.1.

EXPERIENCED Housemaid wanted; good waiter, Mrs. Wilkie, Badingham College, Fetcham Park, Leatherhead.

MALE Cook-General (single) required by two single gentlemen; easily run house, all conveniences; age. No booking fee.—J. Ritch, Esq., care of British Agency, Carfax, Horsham.

WANTED, House-Parlourman for Hampstead; personal reference essential.—Write Box 3135, The Times, 42, Wigmore-street, W.1.

FIRST Footman where butler and oddman, Oxford; £45; 25th after three months; 2½ 10in.; 11in.; also many other places; good country; send full particulars to Mrs. Hunt, Ltd., 86, High-street, Marylebone, London, W.1. No engagement, so fee.

HOTEL ASSISTANTS AND CATERERS

SARK, Channel Isles.—Cook required for season, good-class hotel.—Apply, stating wages and copy references, Dircourt Hotel, Sark.

GARDENERS

WANTED, Gardener with knowledge of driving and cleaning car; free cottage, good wages; no family; age 35-40; personal references required.—Apply Box Z., care of Westminster Bank, Hindhead, Surrey.

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS REQUIRED
2 lines 2s. (minimum)

GOVERNESSES, COMPANIONS, MATRONS, AND LADY NURSES

AU pair.—French girl, good family, teach children French, light duties; London suburbs preferred.—Write Thirkaud, 26, Cole Park-road, Twickenham, Middlesex.

AU Pair.—Good Swiss-French family wishes to find, for April, English family (London or near) for daughter age 19 to be Companion or Secretary in exchange for like Post.—Write M. Niess, Aviesa, Pully-Lausanne.

ENGLISH lady, long residence in Kenya Colony, now (temporarily in England, desires to return as permanent Nurse to family about to take up residence in East Africa; baby from one month upwards preferred; thoroughly experienced and of good education; salary according to arrangements.—Write Box G.670, The Times, E.C.4.

LADY desires post as Companion; experienced; good references; free March 28.—Write Box P.500, The Times, E.C.4.

YOUNG Swiss lady, distinguished family, highest references, will join good English family as Lady Companion or Governess, teaching German and French, for exposure only; speaks English fluently.—Box 672, Thomas's Advertising Agency, S.W.1.

YOUNG Swiss lady of good family, speaking French and German fluently and also English, desires post in a good English family, as Companion or Governess to one or two children; holds diplomas for care of children.—Write Box P.419, The Times, E.C.4.

CAVENDISH Bureau, 29a, King's-road, Sloane-square, supplies recommended Lady Nurses, Nurses, Nursery-maids, Nursery Governesses and Trained Nurse-Companions.—Applications, Mabledon House, Tavistock-square, W.C.1.

CHARMING English Governess; Mrs. B. four years; finest French, good music, drawing, games, H.—Miss Lawrence, Arden Lawn, Arkley, Barnet.

EXCELLENT French Nursery-Governess, 21; no English; entire charge children, any age; others; Swiss; also Monitress, 18; £24-£40.—Miss Anglo-French Bureau, 308, Regent-street. (Langham 2441).

EXCELLENT Daily or Resident (permanent and holidays) Governesses and Nursery Governesses (modern methods) recommended.—Secretarial School, Lennox Carr, 37, Old Bond-street, W.1. Gerrard 7084.

PRINCESS Christian Nurse, 34, temporary or permanent; best references; Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses waiting daily 11-1.)—Mrs. Boucher, Ltd., 6, Basil-street, Knightsbridge. Sloane 2191.

HELPS AND NURSES

EDUCATED Lady, middle-aged, C. of E., desires post as Mother's Help or under-nurse; salary by arrangement.—Write Box F.490, The Times, E.C.4.

YOUNG Mother's Help, Swiss-French, young, requires morning or all day engagement; good references and good housekeeper. Write Box A.241, The Times, E.C.4.

WIDOW seeks post; go at moderate salary; 3 years' references.—Write Box 49, Smith's, 62, Kensington High-street, W.8.

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SUMMARY OF CASES

A Divisional Court—the Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Romer, sitting as Additional Judges of the King's Bench Division—in allowing an appeal by the defendant, Lord Cadogan, from a decision of the Judge of the West London County Court, held that the plaintiff was not entitled to compensation under the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927, for loss of the goodwill of a stationery business, because the tenant received adequate consideration for giving up any claim to compensation. (HOLT v. CADOGAN.)

To-day's proceedings were occupied by the cross-examination of Mr. Victor Coen, a director of the plaintiff company, in the action before Mr. Justice McCardie and a special jury in which United Diamond Fields of British Guiana, Limited, of Holborn-viaduct, E.C., claim from Mr. S. B. Joel and other members of the Diamond Syndicate, which controls the price of diamonds, damages for alleged fraudulent conspiracy in limiting the output of diamonds by the plaintiff company. The defendants deny the charges. (UNITED DIAMOND FIELDS OF BRITISH GUIANA, LIMITED v. JOEL AND OTHERS.)

Mr. Justice Maugham gave judgment for the plaintiff in the action in which Mrs. Frances Caroline Ide, the widow of Mr. Henry Wm. Fitzgerald Ide, claimed a declaration that bonds of the value of £10,000, handed to her by Mr. Ide, were given to her as a gift. The defendants, who were two daughters of Mr. Ide by a former marriage, did not admit that the bonds were given to the plaintiff and said that, if they were, she gave them back to Mr. Ide. (IDE v. GRAHAM AND FIELD.)

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
CHARGES OF FRAUD AGAINST THE DIAMOND SYNDICATE
UNITED DIAMOND FIELDS OF BRITISH GUIANA, LIMITED v. JOEL AND OTHERS

(Before MR. JUSTICE MCCARDIE *and a Special Jury)*

The hearing was continued of the action in which United Diamond Fields of British Guiana, Limited, of 32-34, Holborn-viaduct, E.C., claim, for alleged conspiracy to cheat and defraud, damages against Mr. Solomon Barnato Joel, Mr. Jack Barnato Joel, Messrs. Barnato Brothers, Mr. Walter Dunkels, Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, Mr. Louis Oppenheimer, Mr. Henry Claridge, and Messrs. A. Dunkelsbuhler and Co., all of 39, Holborn-viaduct, E.C., Mr. Otto Oppenheimer, of Charterhouse-street, E.C., Mr. Albert Edward Tilley, of Staple Inn, E.C., Mr. Reuben Cohen, of Southampton-row, W.C., and Mr. Hugh Owen Leonard Stack, of 32-34, High Holborn, E.C.

The plaintiff company alleges that, when it had a contract with the Diamond Syndicate under which the syndicate undertook to buy all the output of the company's fields in British Guiana, Mr. Otto Oppenheimer, who was acting as technical adviser to the company, instructed his representatives in British Guiana to take steps which would result in cutting down the prices paid to the company for the diamonds and so lessen its power to purchase from the natives and consequently reduce its output.

The plaintiff company says that, in doing this, Mr. Oppenheimer was acting in the interests of the Diamond Syndicate, which was anxious to restrict the output of diamonds throughout the world.

The defendants deny all the allegations of conspiracy and fraud made against them.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., Mr. Theobald Mathew, and Mr. H. C. Marks appeared for the United Diamond Fields of British Guiana, Limited; Mr. Stuart Bevan, K.C., and Mr. Harold Murphy for Mr. S. B. Joel, Mr. J. B. Joel, Messrs. Barnato Brothers, Mr. Dunkels, Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, Mr. Louis Oppenheimer, Mr. Claridge, and Messrs. A. Dunkelsbuhler and Co.; Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., Mr. H. G. Robertson, and Mr. Arthur H. Davis for Mr. Otto Oppenheimer; Mr. Gilbert Beyfus and Mr. Gabriel Cohen for Mr. Tilley, Mr. Reuben Cohen, and Mr. Stack. Mr. Paul Bennett held a watching brief for an interested party.

Mr. Victor Coen, a director of the plaintiff company, further cross-examined by Mr. BEVAN, said that, under the contract between the company and the Diamond Syndicate, the syndicate was bound to pay the average price, mentioned in the contract, of £4 10s. a carat for all diamonds, whether white, blue-white, spotted, or brown, which did not fall within the rejection classes.

Mr. BEVAN.—Then, according to you, the syndicate might never get a white or a blue-white diamond, but would have to pay the average price for only inferior stones?—That could not be so. One of the peculiarities of British Guiana diamonds is that they do not vary. The syndicate knew the "run" of our diamonds and, that they do not vary. Otherwise they would have protected themselves in the contract.

Mr. Coen said that the company had had one serious competitor and a number of smaller competitors buying against them in British Guiana. Owing to the collapse of the company one of the smaller competitors had become a large dealer and the company now had two serious competitors.

It was essential, the witness agreed, that the committee of shareholders which was appointed in March, 1928, to inquire into the position of the company, should have the most complete information put before them about the matters which they had to investigate.

Mr. BEVAN.—You had been pressing for a writ to be served?—Yes, for four months.

Contrary to the wishes of your fellow-directors?—They would not have it at any price.

"A LONE FIGURE"

I think that you were described as a "lone figure"?—I would not dispute the description.

You told the committee that there was only one basis for the valuation of the diamonds—namely, that in the contract schedule, but that the syndicate had instructed their servants to value on a different basis?—Yes.

Did you say that the syndicate said that the word "basis" in the contract did not refer to the calculations in the contract, but that "it referred to some mysterious assortment and some mysterious schedule agreed verbally or mentally between the parties as modifying the written contract?"—Yes.

Did you also say:—"There is nothing except the contract, and, if they had in mind any variation of the contract by some supplement, they must have had it in mind for a certain purpose"?—Yes, that is fraud.

That is the first whisper of fraud?—Oh, no. There had been several whispers before that.

Did you tell the shareholders' committee that you had struck out the word "sample" from the contract with your own hand?—I do not know. In any case, it was not relevant. Probably you are right.

Mr. Coen admitted that in March, 1927, he wrote to a representative of the company in British Guiana a letter in which he said that "it must be clearly understood that the schedule of prices in the contract is merely a skeleton," and that "there is a question of quality which governs the schedule and leaves the door open to disputes" and "quality is a matter of individual judgment."

Mr. BEVAN.—May that be translated as meaning that the question of colour governs the schedule?—You may translate it like that.

And that the same prices would not be paid for a yellow or a spotted stone?—It says so here.

Did you put that letter before the shareholders' committee?—No.

Had you got a copy of it in your possession?—Yes.

How came you to fail to disclose it in the company's original affidavit of documents?—My impression is that I sent in all these documents, but my solicitors wanted to put some limit to the discovery.

Then you do not regard this as a relevant letter?—No.

Did you say in the letter that the heads of the syndicate were "shrewd and wary, but very straight and honourable people"? Was that your opinion of them at that time?—Absolutely. I should not have gone into the business with them otherwise.

Protesting against certain questions which he was being asked, Mr. Coen exclaimed: "This case is costing somebody £1,000 a day!"

Mr. BEVAN.—Do you recognize that the position taken up by you in that letter is the position taken up by the Diamond Syndicate to-day?—I have not heard its case yet.

Do you still persist in charging it with fraud?—Most emphatically.

"The hand that wrote that letter," declared Mr. Coen, "was my hand, but the voice was that of Otto Oppenheimer. I had never seen a diamond at that time." Mr. Oppenheimer inspired the letter.

A SECOND LETTER

Mr. Coen agreed that on April 8, 1927, he wrote another letter to one of the company's representatives in which he said that "the schedule of prices in our contract depends, as you know, on quality and is a skeleton schedule." That letter was also partly inspired by Mr. Otto Oppenheimer.

Mr. BEVAN.—In the documents supplied to the shareholders' committee there is merely an extract from this letter and that extract leaves out the whole of these passages about the skeleton schedule, quality, and so on?—That is part of what they got.

Why did you make an extract from that letter? Why did you not put it before the committee in full?—I put before the committee what I thought was relevant.

Are you prepared to pledge yourself that you gave a full copy of that letter to the committee?—You know I did not.

You withheld these passages from the committee?—I do not agree with you.

Can you explain why the only extract from that letter which was supplied to the committee omitted all these passages?—I do not accept that. They seem to have lost the other sheets.

I suggest that you deliberately omitted to give the committee the passages in this letter to which I have referred?—You have not a shred of evidence to support that assertion and you have no right to make it.

If these passages had been before the committee, would it have been possible for you to have made the statements to the committee which you did?—Of course it would. I make them now. There was no concealment whatever.

Mr. Coen agreed that, among other things, the company was claiming the restoration of the company's capital, which was put at the figure of £340,000. It was claimed that, if it had not been for the conduct of the syndicate, the company would have been in a flourishing condition to-day. The company did its best to prevent the natives who "won" the diamonds from the company's fields from selling them to competitors of the company who offered better prices.

Mr. BEVAN.—But it is done?—It is done just as I.D.B. [illicit diamond buying] is done, but it is not right.

Would not any member of the investing public form the opinion from the prospectus of the company that the main purpose of the company which you were launching was mining?—The opposite is quite clear.

Was not that the intention?—No, and if you read the prospectus you will see that it was not.

Mr. JUSTICE MCCARDIE.—The company had a number of purposes.

Mr. BEVAN.—The issue was a fiasco?—Yes.

Mr. Coen explained that his uncle, Mr. Reuben Cohen, the defendant, underwrote 45,000 of the shares, but defaulted as to some 22,000 of them. Other underwriters defaulted for smaller sums which aggregated some £10,000.

Mr. BEVAN.—The prospectus stated that, after paying the purchase price and the costs of registration and issue, there would remain about £67,000 in cash available for development and working capital, which was considered as sufficient for all present needs?—Yes.

Allowing for the £33,000 default of the underwriters, the working capital was reduced by about half?—Yes.

Not very happy circumstances?—Quite happy. We did not want any more.

The purchase consideration was £351,000, added Mr. Coen.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STAFF

Mr. BEVAN.—To prosper, the company must have value for money in the property it bought and must also have competent servants?—Yes.

The staff was pretty incompetent?—I do not agree.

Were they always quarrelling?—Certainly not.

Were you always perfectly content with the way in which your interests were being watched out there?—No. There were some defects to be remedied.

Counsel read a cablegram which one of the company's representatives in British Guiana sent to the company in December, 1926. It was as follows:—"We consider Pires [a local manager] acting very much to the detriment of the company's interests through being continually intoxicated and acting rashly, summarily dismissing staff."

Mr. Coen said that that was not a serious matter. He took steps to remedy it at once.

SIR PATRICK HASTINGS intervened to say that, in the evidence which he had given on commission, Mr. Pires had indignantly denied that he drank, and no one had cross-examined him to show that the suggestion was true.

Mr. BEVAN (to the witness).—From the outset was there opposition to the company in British Guiana?—There was a hot Press campaign.

MR. JUSTICE MCCARDIE.—What is a hot Press campaign? (Laughter.)

Mr. BEVAN.—We do not know them in this country.

SIR PATRICK HASTINGS.—Empire free trade. (Laughter.)

Mr. BEVAN (to the witness).—Was not the ground for the Press campaign that the company had come over with its contract with the Diamond Syndicate and was going to substitute machinery for hand labour, so that the pork knockers' [natives who "win" diamonds in the bush] business would be at an end?—The most serious complaint was that the Diamond Syndicate was going to get control of the fields and have them shut down.

Mr. Coen agreed that another of the company's managers reported that he found "that many of our buyers are colour blind and therefore sometimes overpay for coloured stones." (Laughter.) A representative of the company was, however, sent out to investigate a number of complaints, and that matter was not dealt with in his report, so little weight was attached to it.

The hearing was adjourned.

Solicitors.—Messrs. Theodore Goddard and Co.; Messrs. Holmes, Son, and Pott; Messrs. Deacon and Co.; Messrs. Lovell, White and King; Mr. G. A. Herbert.

CHANCERY DIVISION
A WIDOW'S CLAIM TO £10,000
IDE v. GRAHAM AND FIELD

(Before MR. JUSTICE MAUGHAM)

His LORDSHIP gave judgment for the plaintiff in the action in which Mrs. Frances Caroline Ide, the widow of Mr. Henry William Fitzgerald Ide, of Richmond Mansions, Old Brompton-road, Kensington, claimed against the defendants, Mrs. Amelia Graham, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, and Mrs. Caroline Hannah Field, daughters of Mr. Ide by a former marriage, a declaration that bonds to the amount of £10,000—8,500 bearer bonds of £1 Four per Cent. Consolidated Loan, £1,000 Four per Cent. Victory Bonds, and £2,500 Four per Cent. War Loan—handed to the plaintiff by Mr. Ide in June, 1928, and at present deposited with the Midland Bank, Limited, were her property. She also claimed an order on the bank to deliver up the bonds to her. The defendants did not admit that the bonds were given to the plaintiff by Mr. Ide, and contended that, if they were, she gave them back to him.

It was stated that Mr. Ide died intestate worth about £87,000, and that after his death in January, 1929, the bonds were found in his office. In 1928 the plaintiff was a widow between 60 and 70 years of age, with an income of between £800 and £900 left her by her first husband, when Mr. Ide, then 80 years old, proposed to her. She refused him on several occasions, but he pleaded that he was a lonely old man living in an hotel and eventually she accepted his proposal. They were married in July, 1928.

Mr. Gavin Simonds, K.C., and Mr. H. A. H. Christie appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Comyns Carr, K.C., and Mr. A. Cairns for Mrs. Field; and Mr. J. M. Gover, K.C., and Mr. A Cairns for Mrs. Graham.

Mrs. Ide, cross-examined by Mr. COMYNS CARR, agreed that she was under the impression that if she married Mr. Ide she would lose her income under her first husband's will. She first discovered that she was wrong at an interview with her lawyer. That was before the marriage.

Mr. Ide told her that he proposed to make a new will, under which she would be well provided for. She at first refused Mr. Ide because he was very much older than she was, and she had been a widow for many years and did not anticipate remarriage.

Mr. Ide did not put the bonds in her hands until she was satisfied that her impression about losing her income was wrong. The bonds were a free gift to her.

Mr. COMYNS CARR, for Mrs. Field, said that he did not call any evidence. He was in the same difficulty as was presented in every case where the only available evidence was that of the claimant. Here there was a story not only extraordinary in itself, but accompanied by many inconsistencies. It was clear that on July 3, £7,500 of bonds were deposited by Mrs. Ide with her bankers, were handed back to Mr. Ide on July 30, and after his death were found in a drawer which also contained, separately tied up, the £2,500 worth of bonds.

Mrs. Ide must have known all the time, and her solicitors must have told her, that her real difficulty was how to account for her returning the bonds to her husband.

Mr. GOVER, for Mrs. Graham, said that it appeared that the bonds were handed over to Mrs. Ide on June 14, 1928, to make provision for her in case anything should happen to Mr. Ide before the marriage, and with the proviso that they should be handed back to him on the marriage.

JUDGMENT

MR. JUSTICE MAUGHAM, in giving judgment, said that he thought that the bonds were handed over to the plaintiff to induce her to marry Mr. Ide, and that the reason for his doing so was that the plaintiff had told him that she feared that, if she married him, she would lose her independent position under her late husband's will. The suggestion that he meant her to give them back to him on the marriage did not meet the facts of the case, as that would have left her, if her fears as to her late husband's will were well founded, entirely dependent on Mr. Ide. There was no evidence at all to support the suggestion that they had been given back. The plaintiff was an inaccurate witness, but it did not follow from that that she intended to deceive the Court.

He had come to the conclusion that there had been an out and out gift on June 14, 1928. He could come to no other conclusion than that the bonds were handed back for safe custody. In the circumstances the action must succeed.

Solicitors.—Messrs. Swepstone, Stone, Barber and Ellis; Mr. W. H. Puckridge.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT: COMPENSATION CLAIM FAILS
HOLT v. CADOGAN

(Before the MASTER *of the* ROLLS and LORD JUSTICE ROMER, *sitting as Additional Judges of the King's Bench Division)*

A DIVISIONAL COURT allowed this appeal by the defendant, Lord Cadogan, from a decision of the Judge of the West London County Court that the plaintiff was entitled to £220 as compensation for loss of the goodwill of a stationery business under the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927.

In 1909 Mr. Augustus Holt took an assignment of a stationery business and the lease of 149, Fulham-road, at which the business was being carried on. He paid a premium of £290. He continued in occupation under subsequent leases, the last lease being for a term of six years from March 25, 1924, at a rent of £60 a year. Mr. Holt had carried on for several years a post office as well as the stationery business on the premises. He died in February, 1928, and the plaintiff, who was his widow and personal representative, continued to carry on the business.

In March, 1927, the landlord granted Mr. Holt a licence to make an addition to the premises, and Mr. Holt then undertook not to make any claim by virtue of any future legislation for compensation for disturbance at the end of the lease.

The plaintiff now claimed compensation for loss of goodwill under section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927. It was admitted that the notice required by the Act had been given and that the defendant was not prepared to grant a new lease as the premises were to be demolished.

The defendant relied on the undertaking given by Mr. Holt.

Section 9 of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927, provided:—

> This part of this Act shall apply notwithstanding any contract to the contrary, being a contract made at any time after the 8th day of February, 1927, provided that, if on the hearing of a claim or application under this part of this Act it appears to the tribunal that a contract made after such date as aforesaid, so far as it deprives any person of any right under this part of this Act, was made for adequate consideration, the tribunal shall in determining the matter give effect thereto.

The county court Judge held that the adequacy of the consideration for the undertaking of Mr. Holt must be determined in the light of subsequent events in addition to those in evidence when the contract was made. Here the consideration was that, if the lessor should determine to pull down and rebuild the premises at the expiration of the term and if in the meantime the lessee should have kept the premises in such a state of repair as should be considered sufficient in the circumstances by the lessor or his surveyor, no claim for dilapidations was to be made nor should the lessee be required to reinstate the premises as regards the alterations thereby licensed. He thought this was not adequate consideration, and he awarded £220 compensation for loss of goodwill.

The defendant appealed.

JUDGMENT

The MASTER of the ROLLS (Lord Hanworth), in giving judgment, said that this appeal was brought by the widow of the deceased tenant for compensation for loss of goodwill under section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927, which provided that the tenant of a holding to which Part I. of the Act applied should

> be entitled, at the termination of the tenancy on quitting the holding, to be paid by his landlord compensation for goodwill, if he proves to the satisfaction of the tribunal that, by reason of the carrying on by him or his predecessors in title at the premises of a trade or business for a period of not less than five years goodwill has become attached to the premises. . . .

He agreed with the county court Judge that Mr. Holt's agreement in the said proviso to the licence of March 17, 1927, that if the landlord should not enforce any of the repairing covenants or the covenant to yield up the premises in a state of good repair at the end of the term he would not make a claim under any future statute for compensation for disturbance, applied to the claim being made here. *Prima facie*, therefore, this covenant bound the plaintiff, but it was said that that was not so owing to section 9. But under the proviso to that section such a contract, though made after February 8, 1927, was one to which the tribunal was to have regard if made for adequate consideration.

In this case it was common ground that the premises were to be pulled down and, therefore, section 18 of the Act deprived the landlord of the right to damages for failure to comply with the specific covenant to paint the premises in the last year of the term or the covenant to yield up in good repair. That was the view of the county court Judge, but it appeared to the Court that in considering the advantages which accrued to the tenant under the licence, the county court Judge had overlooked two things; first, that the tenant was relieved of the liability imposed on him to paint the inside and outside of the premises in the year 1927, which must have involved an outlay of at least £40 or £50; and, secondly, that the tenant was given the advantage of being allowed to alter the premises, an alteration not necessarily for the benefit of the landlord.

These were matters which could not be overlooked. They appeared to be solid and valuable benefits and it seemed impossible to cast them aside and to hold that the tenant did not get adequate consideration for giving up his claim to compensation.

That being so, there was an agreement which, under section 9, the Court was entitled to have regard to and which barred the plaintiff's claim. The appeal must, therefore, be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE ROMER gave judgment to the same effect.

Solicitors.—Messrs. Lee and Pembertons; Messrs. Russell and Arnholt.

CHANCERY DIVISION
AN ACTOR'S WILL DISPUTE
IN RE WRIGHT: WRIGHT v. WRIGHT

(Before MR. JUSTICE BENNETT)

This was a summons taken out by Mrs. Lilian Beverton Wright (an actress, professionally known as Miss Olive Brune), widow of the English actor, Mr. Frederick Wright, who died in New York on December 12, 1928, leaving a fortune of between £15,000 and £16,000. The summons was issued to determine the interest taken by the applicant under the will and codicil of the testator.

Sir Gerald Hurst, K.C., and Mr. Christie appeared for the applicant; Mr. J. Weir Johnston for the sole executor (the testator's brother, Mr. Huntley Wright) and two annuitants, Mrs. Marie Barry and Miss Haidee Wright (sisters of the testator); and Mr. Vaisey, K.C., and Mr. D. F. Brundrit for John Wright and Derek Wright, the two sons of the testator by his first wife.

JUDGMENT

MR. JUSTICE BENNETT said that the question was not altogether free from difficulty. The testator by his will dated June 9, 1928, after providing for the conversion of his real and personal property by his executors and trustees, declared that the trustees should stand possessed of the trust premises on trust, to pay out of the income of the trust premises accruing during the lifetime of his wife, Lilian Beverton Wright, whose stage name was Olive Brune, £2 a week on certain conditions.

[His LORDSHIP read further directions in the will providing annuities for the testator's two sisters and for the payment of the balance of the income equally between his two sons, John and Derek, and providing that, subject thereto, his trustees should hold the trust premises in trust for his two sons until they attained the age of 25 years.]

On December 8, 1928, the testator made a codicil in the following terms:—

> My will and codicil being in the hands of Messrs. Bevir and Son, 4, York-buildings, Adelphi, London, I now declare this my last codicil. That on my death my trustees shall value my estate and that, subject to all the conditions already set down, my wife Olive's share to be one-third equal to my sons.

The testator died on December 12, 1928, and by this summons his widow claimed to be entitled to the annuity of £2 a week and, in addition, subject to the annuities to the testator's sisters, to one-third of his residuary estate, contending that that was the effect of the codicil. On behalf of the sons of the testator it was contended that the effect of the codicil had been merely to increase the annuity of £2 a week to an annuity of one-third of the income of the residue, subject to the same conditions as those which had been imposed by the will on the annuity of £2 a week.

On the whole his judgment was in favour of that contention. The conclusion to which he came, on looking at the codicil, was not that the testator was making a new bequest in favour of the widow, but that he was in some way dealing with the interest which he had given to her by his will. It appeared to be the intention of the testator that the effect of the codicil should be to make his wife's share, not £2 a week, but one-third "equal to my sons"—*i.e.*, one-third of the income of the estate, which would be equal to that which his sons would receive; but her one-third was to be subject to the conditions imposed on the weekly sum of £2.

Solicitors.—Messrs. Langford, Borrowdaile and Thain; Messrs. Ernest Bevir and Son.

GARAGE MURDER CHARGE

THE DEFENCE

PODMORE IN THE WITNESS BOX

The trial of William Henry Podmore, 29, engineer, indicted on a charge of murdering Vivian Messiter in a garage at Southampton, on October 30, 1928, was continued at the Hampshire Assizes at Winchester yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart).

Only one witness for the Crown remained to be cross-examined, and after the Southampton police surgeon had been called to answer a question from the Bench, Messiter's sister identified the dead man's watch, found recently in a cistern. The case for the prosecution was closed, and the defence was opened by the calling of the accused. His evidence-in-chief, denying any responsibility for the death of Messiter, followed by cross-examination by Sir Thomas Inskip, occupied the rest of the day. No other witness was called for the defence. To-day will come speeches of counsel, the Judge's summing-up, and the verdict.

CROWN CASE CLOSED

Counsel engaged in the case are:—For the prosecution, Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., and Mr. J. G. Trapnell. For the defence, Mr. du Parcq and Mr. T. R. C. Goff.

As soon as Lord Hewart had taken his seat Chief Inspector Prothero re-entered the box for cross-examination. Replying to Mr. DU PARCQ he said that a watch and other articles had been found at Winchester, but these had nothing to do with the case. Recently another watch had been found, which he believed to have been Messiter's. It was found about four weeks ago in a cistern at Southampton. Some small keys were also found, two of which were those of trunks belonging to Mr. Messiter.

Mr. DU PARCQ.—Now, about the time Podmore was in prison do you know that special instructions were given in regard to his correspondence?—I do.

That his letters, or any letters he received, were to be specially read?—Yes.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.—On what date were those instructions given?

Chief Inspector Prothero hesitated a moment or two and then said:—"Very shortly after he had been incarcerated in Strangeways Prison, my Lord. That would be about the early part of February, 1929."

Mr. DU PARCQ.—A great many things happen in cases like this which are regrettable, but one of the things that happened was that a prisoner in some prison made a statement to you implicating a woman, stating that she had come home covered with blood?—Yes, sir.

And this man afterwards admitted that he had told a lie and that there was not a word of truth in it?—Quite right, sir.

The witness said that he had no written record of the statements made by Podmore or of the questions put to him except his statements.

Answering Sir Thomas Inskip, re-examining, Chief Inspector Prothero said that according to a statement made to him the woman supposed to have been implicated was said to have come home about 2.40 a.m. on October 13. That statement was not, on the face of it, consistent with what he knew of Messiter's life.

This concluded the case for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE recalled Dr. Seager Thomas, the police surgeon, and asked: —"Was the condition in which you found the body at the *post-mortem* examination consistent with the view that death had taken place on October 30, 1928?"—"It was," replied Dr. Seager Thomas.

Mrs. Marshall, Messiter's sister, who wore a brown coat heavily trimmed with fur and a red felt hat, identified the watch found in the cistern as belonging to her brother. It bore his monogram.

PODMORE IN THE BOX

Mr. DU PARCQ opened the defence by calling the prisoner.

Podmore, replying to Mr. DU PARCQ, said he was a native of Staffordshire. Early in October, 1928, he was guilty of two offences in Manchester in respect of a motor-car and a motor-cycle. For these he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. It was not his first criminal offence, he admitted, but he had never, he declared, had any criminal charge made against him for violence of any kind. He left Manchester because he knew he had done wrong and wanted to "clear out." Lily Hambledon was with him, and they came to Southampton, when he changed his name to Thomas. He said that he had roughly £23 when he left Manchester. He chose Southampton because he was trying to go abroad, but when he had paid the fares from Manchester to London, stayed the night there, and paid the fares next day, he had not got what he thought would be sufficient to take him.

He said that he could not state exactly the date of his arrival in Southampton, but he thought it must have been October 19. While in Southampton he watched the local newspapers for work, and replied to three advertisements, including Messiter's. He identified a scrap of paper found in the garage as part of a receipt given him at his lodgings. When he replied to the advertisement he knew nothing at all about Messiter.

FIRST MEETING WITH MESSITER

He first met Messiter on October 26, when Messiter drove in his car to Cranbury-avenue, where he (Podmore) lodged. Messiter asked him about his experience, and told him he would get 6d. a gallon commission on the oil he sold. He never knew Messiter's private address.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.—Did you ever inquire for it?—No.

Podmore said that he first went to the garage about half-past 9 or 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, October 27, and, finding the gates closed, he went away and returned about 12.30. Messiter and a man were there. Messiter was at work on a wooden case unpacking a petrol pump, and told him that he was stocktaking and was going to take some oil to some friends on the following day (Sunday).

Podmore described in detail what he did on the Saturday and how he was engaged by Mr. Mitchell, the Downton contractor. Mr. Mitchell, he said, asked him when he would be free, and he told him he would be free on the Tuesday. Later he went back to the garage, did a job for Messiter, signed a receipt for 10s. which was given to him, and agreed to meet on the Monday morning. He did not go to Grove-street on the Sunday and certainly did not see Messiter. He went to the garage on the Monday morning about 9.30 and found Messiter and the man Maxton, or Baxter, there. They were discussing a sale over a book.

Podmore said that he asked about possibilities which Messiter had mentioned, and Messiter gave him a sheet of paper with about five intending customers on it. He did not stay there long, and when he left Messiter was still there with the other man. He went to various addresses, but could not find one or two of them.

Mr. DU PARCQ.—Had you ever any instruction from Mr. Messiter as to communicating with him?

Podmore.—Yes, on the Monday morning before I left. If ever I had anything to report to him and he was not at the garage I was to drop a note through the box to let him know where I was. I returned about 6 o'clock in the evening. There was no one there. It was locked. I wrote notes on the paper he gave me, besides the names, and dropped it through the box. I never went back that night.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

"On Tuesday, October 30," Podmore continued, "I went to the garage about 9.30 a.m. and found Maxton and Messiter there. Messiter asked me to repair some magneto trouble with the car. I told him I had a better job offered, and he said it was up to me to better myself. I did the repairs, and asked his permission to try the car out. He asked me to deliver two cases of oil about two miles out of Southampton."

Later Messiter and Maxton left, the doors of the garage being locked.

Mr. DU PARCQ.—Had you at any time any key of the place?—No.

Podmore said he continued working on the car for a time, and after having luncheon at his lodgings returned to the garage yard. The garage doors were locked. He put two more cases of oil in the car and drove it to his lodgings, where he picked up Miss Hambledon and proceeded along the Southampton road to Downton to see Mr. Mitchell.

He then motored on to Salisbury for tea, and back to Messiter's garage in Southampton. The outer gates on his arrival appeared the same as he had left them. He put the car in the yard and tried the doors of the garage. They were locked, and after waiting 10 minutes he went home.

Mr. DU PARCQ.—Did you go back at all that day?—No.

The next day, October 31?—Yes, in the morning.

How did you find it?—The outer doors were locked.

What did you do on the Tuesday night?—We went to a show.

What did you do on the Wednesday when you found the outer doors locked?—Put a note through the letter-box.

Podmore said that he never left Southampton that day, October 31. During the evening he returned to the garage, but as Messiter was not there he went back home and wrote a letter to Messiter, telling him he had got a new job with Mr. Mitchell and what he was going to do. He put it in the letter-box on the Thursday morning, when the premises were still locked.

On Saturday, November 3, he went to Downton, travelling to Salisbury by train. In the train he lost a diary and 5*s* or 8*s*.

Mr. DU PARCQ.—You stole some money from Mr. Mitchell?—Yes.

He says about £130?—I would not attempt to say the amount.

Podmore said the money was taken on one day; it was a number of wage packets.

When he was questioned by the Downton police he gave the address of Bold-street because it had been given to him and he could not find it, and he thought that while they were looking for it he would be gone.

Mr. DU PARCQ.—Podmore, did you kill Mr. Messiter?—I did not, Sir.

Do you know anything about the circumstances of his death?—Nothing whatever, but what I have heard here. I have told everything I possibly know.

Podmore said that he left the hotel near Coventry where he was afterwards employed on January 12.

Mr. DU PARCQ.—Had your leaving there anything to do with the death of Mr. Messiter?

Podmore (emphatically).—Nothing at all, Sir.

Why did you leave there?—Because I could not get satisfaction with the house.

PRISON CONVERSATIONS DENIED

He subsequently went to Birmingham, he said, and spent a day in the Potteries at his home. "Next morning," he continued, "I opened my paper and saw published 'Man with scar and Golden-Haired Lil wanted to be communicated with in connexion with the garage murder.' I showed it to Miss Hambledon, and we went to Birmingham, where I packed my things. I sent her home and came straight to London. As soon as I got there I went to ring up Scotland Yard, but I was told the line was out of order. It was not my intention to go to Scotland Yard, but to let them know it was my intention to go to Southampton for interrogation. I spent the night in London and went on to Southampton and gave the statements which have been read."

Podmore denied that he ever had any conversation with the men in prison as they had described. After what had happened at the inquest he did not want other prisoners to talk with him or to talk to other prisoners.

Mr. DU PARCQ.—Did you borrow the hammer from Mr. Marsh?—I did not.

Did you ever go to the premises where Mr. Marsh told us he worked?—It was only in this court that I found out where he was working.

Did you ever see him before the inquest?—I did not.

Podmore also said that he never had a khaki or a fawn overcoat.

Cross-examined by SIR THOMAS INSKIP, Podmore said that the first time he used the name Thomas was when he went to Southampton. He got the name Bold-street, Southampton, from Messiter, as the address of "Cromer and Bartlett," prospective customers for oil. He looked for it on October 29, but never found it, although he made several inquiries.

Is it a fact you know a number of Bold-streets in the Potteries?—I do not.

Referring to a torn receipt found in the garage, SIR THOMAS INSKIP asked how it got there. "I probably threw it away," was Podmore's reply.

When shown the exercise book from which some leaves were said to be missing, Podmore said that he was not sure whether or not he signed a receipt in it. He agreed that an initial "P" shown in a photograph of certain indentations found in the book was in his writing. He denied that when he came to Southampton he was short of money, and said that when he saw Messiter for the last time he did not think he (Messiter) owed him anything. "I thought I was well paid for the work I did on the Saturday. After I saw him for the last time I worked on his car. I thought he might have a small sum for me as recompense."

REASON FOR LEAVING SOUTHAMPTON

SIR T. INSKIP.—Did you tell Mr. Messiter in your note on the Monday night that you had decided to go to Mr. Mitchell?—I did not tell him I had decided to go, but I told him I was in correspondence.

When you went off on the Tuesday to Mitchell did you tell him you were prepared to start right away?—I did.

Did you tell Mr. Messiter that?—I told Mr. Messiter on the Tuesday that I had a fresh job.

Is it your story that Messiter left you without a word as to when he was coming back or what you were to do, with the doors shut and the car outside?—I got permission from Mr. Messiter to try the car. There was no message as to where he was going or what he was going to do or what time he was coming back.

Did he say anything to you about what you were to do with the car when you brought it back?—No.

Podmore said that he only intended to be away an hour, but was away three.

Answering the LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, Podmore said that when he left Southampton he was expecting a letter from Mr. Mitchell and the address he gave as the place where it was to be sent was a false one.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.—Was it not a matter of anxiety on your part that that letter should not remain and possibly be opened in Southampton?—I cannot say it was.

Can you say it was not?—It was not, Sir.

Why did you give a fictitious address?—It is hard to explain, Sir. It is such a long time ago.

Replying to SIR T. INSKIP, Podmore said that the reason was that he had given a fictitious reference to an employment bureau at Southampton. When he gave Mr. Mitchell a wrong address and reference he did not know Messiter had been murdered.

Was not that the reason you gave a false reference instead of the one which would have led them to the discovery of the body?—It was not.

SIR T. INSKIP asked Podmore why he changed his name from Thomas. "Did you not want to separate Podmore from Thomas, who had committed a murder at Southampton?"

Podmore (with emphasis on every word).—I did not. I wanted to go back to my own name because of detection in Downton.

Why were you prepared to be arrested for the Manchester crime at the end of December or the beginning of January when you were not prepared to be arrested at the beginning of November?—Because I was prepared to clear it up if I were asked.

I suggest to you that you went back to these places as Podmore because you did not want to be known any longer as the Thomas who had been in Southampton?—I wanted to be known by my own name of Podmore.

Podmore was also asked about the money he stole from Mr. Mitchell. He told the police he had hidden it in a field whereas he had it on him.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.—Do you mean you told the police this lying story about the money when you had it on you?—The police never asked me about the money.

Podmore denied that when he left the hotel near Coventry he had heard that Messiter's body had been found.

Replying to further questions Podmore said he was taken to Southampton under escort. He had not talked to anyone in gaol about the murder except the man Streets, whom he asked if he had heard anything about a caddy which was being talked about. He was never cautioned for talking in prison to Cummings. He had not seen his wife since 1925.

"MESSITER ALWAYS A GENTLEMAN"

Questioned about the alleged conversations in prison with Cummings and Deass, Podmore said they were pure invention. He agreed that he used a hammer for repairing the car. It was his own hammer, he said, and he left it at Mitchell's with his tools.

SIR T. INSKIP.—Don't you know that nothing was left at Mitchell's. You took your suit cases away?—I never took a rag away.

Podmore said that the hammer he used on the car when he repaired it was his own. It was an ordinary hammer with a 10in. shaft and with large bow nose. It weighed about 2lb. He did not tell the police it was his own hammer that he used because he was not asked. He was not making a statement; he was answering questions.

Podmore denied that he wrote on the receipt some orders which he represented to Messiter that he had obtained. He also said that he did not sign his name on it and did not supply

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THE RATING OF LICENSED PREMISES

VARIATIONS IN WORKING COSTS

A paper on the rating of licensed premises was read at the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute, yesterday, by Mr. WILLIAM TOWNSEND (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). He said that it was almost hopeless to go before a committee at Quarter Sessions unless they were prepared to disclose the volume of business done in the premises which were the subject of the appeal. Some northern and Midland assessment committees applied a rough-and-ready method of valuing by percentages on the turnover when dealing with the assessment of licensed houses. It might pay a brewer, who had a large number of licensed houses, to agree to a valuation on such a basis, because what he lost on one house he would probably gain on another; but, taking individual properties, it was foolish.

Important factors in arriving at annual value were the planning of the premises and the working costs. Some houses had their trade spread fairly evenly over the whole week; others did 30 per cent. of the trade on a Saturday and Sunday, necessitating the engagement of extra help at week-ends and thus increasing the tenant's working expenses. The differences in hotels were extraordinary; while one hotel might be worth £4,000 a year on a turnover of £50,000, in

Sporting News

RACING

LINGFIELD PARK MEETING

TO-DAY'S PROSPECTS

(FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT)

An important and what promises to be a very interesting meeting will be begun at Lingfield Park this afternoon. The going is certain to be really good and, according to the list of probable starters, fields should be sufficiently large to ensure good racing. The most important event on the afternoon's programme is the Lingfield Hurdle, for which such well-known hurdlers as Clear Cash, Arctic Star, West Indies, Peertoi, O, Ennis Bridge, Kinnaird, and Zeno have been entered. I give below a short analysis of this afternoon's programme :—

ORPINGTON STAYERS' SELLING STEEPLECHASE (3m.).—The probable starters here are the same as have been running in such events as this since the season was begun. Sometimes one wins and sometimes another. Alteration of the weights does not make much difference to them. The winner this afternoon may be MAGIC BARD, who won his last race at Kempton Park.

LINGFIELD HURDLE CUP (2m.).—When Clear Cash won at the last meeting here he finished a length in front of Kinnaird, who was giving him 3lb. This afternoon Clear Cash has to meet Kinnaird on 8lb. worse terms, and at the changed weights Kinnaird must have the better chance, on paper, whatever the result of the race may be. The Sirdar, who, according to racecourse rumour, is certain to win a race soon, ran out in his last race at Kempton Park, and until he has shown that this is not a habit, but merely an accident, he is best left alone. Blue Mist would do much better over a more severe course. Zeno has not run for nearly a year, but in this race last year he gave Clear Cash a stone and was beaten by him by only half a length. This year Clear Cash has to give Zeno 5lb. Chapman's selected may run well. Each of his entries has run well last time out and won. Corduroy is probably the best young hurdler seen out this season, but he has never before been started in such company as he will be meeting, if started, this afternoon. Peertoi keeps on winning and, if this were a handicap, would be set to give weight to almost every other entry for the race. In any case not one of the others would be set to give him weight. This should be a race well worth watching, and the winner may be PEERTOI.

BUCKHURST STEEPLECHASE (2½m.).—I am afraid that neither Easter Hero nor Gib will be started here, as each is in reserve for Cheltenham next week. Their absence robs the race of much interest, but even in their absence there will be useful field, the best of whom seem to be Rathcoole, Spear o' War, Alike, and Kakushin. Alike might prefer a longer course, for she is being trained over longer distances. Spear o' War, Rathcoole, and Kakushin may be running over their best distances. On their running at Kempton Park, at this afternoon's weights, Rathcoole seems certain to beat Spear o' War. Kakushin has been beaten in his last two races. I select RATHCOOLE to win from Spear o' War.

BALDWINS SELLING HURDLE (2m.).—Ormuzd is still a useful old hurdler, and as such he has a chance here, as have several of the others of the entry, but none of them will win if Miscou runs as well for Nicholson this time as he did at the last Gatwick Meeting. Indeed MISCOU will win if he will run up to his home form, a thing which he seldom, if ever, does on a racecourse.

CORINTHIAN STEEPLECHASE (2½m.).—SUNBRONZE was beaten in his last race, but may win here from Glen Andred, who will be ridden by Mr. Cundell.

HERONTYE HURDLE (2m.).—The best chance here on public form seems to be possessed by DON PAT, who has been placed in his last three races over hurdles.

Arklow, who was weighed out for the Marrick Stayers' Selling Handicap Steeplechase at Catterick Bridge yesterday, bolted on the way to the post. He careered twice round the course, the circuit of which is just over a mile, and, on returning to the paddock, collapsed and died.

LINGFIELD PARK PROGRAMME

(The letter "a" is prefixed to the names of horses which have arrived.)

1.50.—The ORPINGTON STAYERS' SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Three miles.

	Yrs st lb
aSIRDAR (Mr. C. Bernhard) ..... Stanley 8 12	
aROMAN HACKLE (Mr. A. S. Bellville) ..... J. Hall 4 12	3
aCOURT SCANDAL II. (Mr. W. Hutchinson) ..... Hodges 4 12	1
PRIORITY (Mr. J. Pendarves) ..... Pendarves 4 11	10
KEEP COOL (Mr. B. Wilson) ..... J. Chapman 4 11	8
PURSUER (Mr. J. Pendarves) ..... Pendarves 4 11	7
BALLYTOCKABY (Captain R. J. Hassard) ..... J. Nightingall 4 11	7
aRATHORY (Major H. E. Lyons) ..... I. Anthony 4 11	6
KING PIDGIN (Mrs. Boswall-Preston) ..... Boswall-Preston 6 11	4
Sir CHOUX (Mr. H. J. Joel) ..... C. Chapman 5 11	3
aLADY STYFAN (5lb. ex.) (Colonel A. C. Little) Little 4 11	3
LITTLE JAMES (Mr. J. Pendarves) ..... Pendarves 4 11	3
aMAGIC BARD (Mr. A. Beadon) ..... Woodland 5 11	3
LADY SORY (Captain R. C. G. Vivian) ..... Vivian 4 11	0
aLEARMONT (Mr. S. Burrell) ..... S. Smith 4 11	0
aMISCOU (Mr. R. Willett) ..... R. Willett 4 10	13
LOCHRANZE (Mrs. Vlasto) ..... J. Chapman 6 10	13
WILD SCOT (Mr. P. Howe-Kiss) ..... A. Law 4 10	11
aPEERTOI (Mr. J. Goodall) ..... J. Goodall 4 10	10
ROOSTERED (Mr. R. G. Cotterell) ..... Pendarves 4 10	10
aSMILIN' THROUGH (Mr. G. S. Langhans) ..... G. Lowlands 4 10	9
CHICOT (Mr. G. T. Unwin) ..... Smallwood 4 10	5

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS

COURT SCANDAL II.; G. Turner; KEEP COOL, Mr. WILSON; BALLYTOCKABY, Owner; RATHORY, D. Williams; KING PIDGIN, Owner; LITTLE JAMES, G. Wilson; MAGIC BARD, J. Moloney; CYLRAIRN, T. James; HARTSRIDGE, Owner; SMILIN' THROUGH, Owner.

2.20.—The LINGFIELD HURDLE CUP of 300 sovs. (including a cup value 75 sovs., or sovs. at the option of the winner); second to receive 50 sovs. and third 25 sovs. Two miles.

	Yrs st lb
aCLEAR CASH (Sir J. Grey) ..... O. Anthony 5 11	12
THE SIRDAR (Mr. V. Emanuel) ..... Duller 4 11	7
ARCTIC STAR (Lady Curzon of Kedleston) ..... Nightingall 6 11	7
aBLUE MIST (Mr. M. Evans) ..... I. Anthony 4 11	7
ZENO (Mrs. J. Howson) ..... W. Nightingall 4 11	7
Two Rods (Mr. G. Martin-Smith) ..... Langdale 4 11	7
KINNAIRD (Mr. E. Platt) ..... Poole 4 11	7
FAIRBANKS (Mrs. G. L. Redmond) ..... C. Chapman 4 11	7
WEST INDIES (Mr. D. Rose) ..... Duller 4 11	7
BLAWOOMA (Mr. S. Sanford) ..... T. E. Leader 5 11	7
aLENDAZEL (Mrs. J. C. Lewis) ..... R. J. Colling 5 11	5
O (Mrs. G. L. Redmond) ..... C. Chapman 5 11	5
aPEERTOI (Mr. R. Wootton) ..... R. Leader 5 11	5
CARMAN (Major H. Musker) ..... R. Leader 5 11	5
aOLIVER CROMWELL (Mr. A. E. Ansell) Thrale 4 10	9
ENNIS BRIDGE (Major A. Somers) ..... F. Hartigan 4 10	9
aRUSCOMB II. (Mr. T. Emanuel) ..... Duller 4 10	9
BURGOYNE (Lord Glenapp) ..... T. E. Leader 4 10	9
aLAMPLIGHTER (Mr. P. Hands) ..... J. Whale 4 10	9
IVORY (Mr. C. Livingston) ..... C. Chapman 4 10	9
ROI DE SABA (Sir P. Newson) ..... W. Nightingall 4 10	9
SONG OF ESSEX (Sir H. Nugent) ..... Walsh 4 10	9
XENOPHANES (Mr. F. Bullock) ..... Bullock 4 10	9
CORDUROY (Mr. R. Wootton) ..... Coulthwaite 4 10	9

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS

CLEAR CASH, C. Pellérin; BLUE MIST, D. Williams; KINNAIRD, W. Stott; BLAWOOMA, T. Leader; GLENDAZEL, R. Colling; ZENO, F. Hodges; WEST INDIES, Rusком II., F. Desogère; IVORY, J. Teasdale.

2.50.—The BUCKHURST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Two miles and a half.

	Yrs st lb
EASTER HERO (Mr. J. H. Whitney) J. Anthony	5 12 7
(lt) (Mr. H. D. Davis) ..... Woodland	5 12 7
RATHCOOLE (Mrs. C. Beatty) ..... T. E. Leader	5 11 10
SPEAR O' WAR (Lord Queenborough) ..... G. Bennett	4 11 5
KINGSFORD (Mr. E. Platt) ..... Poole	5 11 4
DESERT CHIEF (Mrs. C. Beatty) ..... T. E. Leader	5 11 2
aEAGLE'S TAIL (Colonel J. A. Fairhurst) ..... I. Anthony	4 11 0
GREAT CANE (Captain A. S. Wilson) ..... Whitaker	4 10 10
HOLIDAY HALL (Mr. R. A. L. Harmsworth) ..... Poole	4 10 10
aLUCIDUS (Mr. H. Savill) ..... Poole	4 10 10
aKAKUSHIN (Mr. W. M. G. Singer) V. Hartigan	4 10 7
ALIKE (Lady H. McCalmont) ..... Gore	4 10 7
CROCKSHOPE (Mr. H. S. Henderson) ..... Powell	4 10 4
aLAMPLIGHT (Captain A. Beadon) ..... Woodland	4 10 4
THE MOW (Mr. G. Henderson) ..... Woodland	4 10 1
CAMP BED (Mrs. M. Gordon) ..... Powell	4 10 0
DOVEDALE (Mr. L. Rihll) ..... Hastings	4 10 0
aEAST AFRICA (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) ..... Powell	4 10 0
KAREL (Mr. M. Steadman) ..... Willett	4 10 0
aFAVOURITE STAR (Mr. A. Christ) I. Anthony	6 10 0
Sir ROY (Major Michael Shoubridge) ..... Stedall	6 10 0
ARNANDALE (Lady Glenapp) ..... Pease	4 10 0

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS

RATHCOOLE, T. Leader; SPEAR O' WAR, F. Rees; EAGLE'S TAIL, C. Morgan; HOLIDAY HALL, W. Stott; LUCIDUS, T. Morgan; KAKUSHIN, A. Waudby; ALIKE, Mr. M. Batty; MILSHUN, Owner; THE MOW, G. Gowell; EAST AFRICA, W. Parvin; FAVOURITE STAR, D. Williams.

2.50.—The BALDWINS SELLING HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. Two miles.

	Yrs st lb
aORMUZD (Mr. P. Beaumont) ..... Gore	5 11 7
OCORARA (Mr. W. Pitt) ..... Allen	4 11 7
aCHANG-CHIA (Captain H. Calcr) ..... H. Leader	4 11 7
EDOUSTAR (Mr. H. Smith) ..... Young	4 11 7
LEONARD (Lord Glenapp) ..... Hamond	4 11 7
aLONESOME (Mr. J. P. Johnson) ..... H. Smith	6 11 7
GOLDEN BAY (Mr. J. Mayo) ..... C. Young	6 11 7
MANSFIELD (Mr. Victor De Mestre) ..... Gore	4 11 7
aBRADINER (Mr. G. H. Hirby) ..... Gore	4 11 7
aTESTED (Mr. W. Scott) ..... Kilske	6 11 7
aLAMPLIGHTER (Major C. Stevens) ..... Stevens	6 11 7
TOWER HILL (Mr. J. F. Johnson) ..... Pendarves	4 11 7
aMISCOU (Lord Beaverbrook) ..... F. Wootton	5 11 3
ISLAND (Mrs. N. Brownlee) ..... Butchers	5 11 3
aTHRUSH (Mr. M. Nelson) ..... Thrale	5 11 3
aLEAR'S PRIDE (Mrs. M. A. Cosmond) ..... E. Leader	5 11 3
HERESIARCH (Mrs. Edgar Wallace) ..... Bullock	4 11 0
aEAR BOY (Mr. A. C. Whiteman) ..... H. Smith	5 11 0
ROCKFOIL (Mr. H. Lyon) ..... Neary	4 10 7
FARMOUTH (Mr. D. Anderson) ..... Thrale	4 10 7
aRAH! SAMBUR (Mr. L. Hendy) ..... Langdale	4 10 7
CRANSWELL (Mr. W. Hutchinson) ..... Hedges	4 10 7

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS

ORMUZD, G. Gowell; CLOCORARA, T. F. Morgan; CHANG-CHIA, —; KIRK'S PRIDE, —; LONESOME or STAR FLIGHT, A. Smith; MANSFIELD, W. Crump; GRANDESSA, C. McCarthy; TESTED, F. Rees; LIGHTER, W. Payne; MISCOU, H. Nicholson; BRIMPS, J. Hogan; CRANSWELL, F. Prendergast. T. Leader will ride either Chang-chia or Kirk's Pride.

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CATTERICK RESULTS

1.30 (1.31).—The BRETTANBY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs. Two miles.

NELLIE KELLY, b m. by Lonawand—Landworker (Mr. G. Dixon), aged, 9st. 9lb. E. Stephenson 1
MORREKEEN, br g. by Drinmore—Clonkeen (Miss D. Robinson), aged, 10st. 10lb. ..Mr. Dutton 2
ROMANTIC, ch. m. by Sonnez Kiss—Pietoria (Mr. J. L. Dugdale), 6 yrs, 10st. 7lb. ..A. Waudby 3
Lewes (Mr. L. Partridge), 6 yrs, 11st. 4lb. (car. 11st. 10lb.) ..... Owner 0
Ace of Blades (Lt.-Col. J. S. Fawcus), aged, 11st. 8lb. ..... Mr. Fawcus 0
Tallow Knight (Mr. H. H. Rose), aged, 11st. 6lb. ..... Sir P. Lawson 0
Dumpender (Lt.-Col. R. W. Tweedie), 6 yrs, 10st. 13lb. ..... G. Hamilton 0
Pickwell (Lady Lindsay), aged, 11st. ..... R. Fawcett 0
Bungalow (Mr. J. Harper), aged, 10st. 11lb. J. Davis 0
Triplex (Mrs. R. Don), aged, 10st. 10lb. W. Thatcher 0
Dunin (Mr. R. Renton), aged, 10st. 11lb. ..... J. Mason 0
Meiegret (Mr. T. L. Taylor), aged, 10st. ..F. Powell 0

(Winner trained by G. Dixon, near Hull)

STARTING PRICES.—9 to 4 agst Brimblecombe, 11 to 4 Greyswood, 7 to 1 each Silver Last and Condamine, 8 to 1 Onward, 100 to 8 each agst the others.

TOTALISATOR PRICES.—Win dividend, 11s. 6d.; places, 5s., 3s., 6s. 9d. Total win pool, 3,500 units; total place pool, 2,295 units.

Won by a length; three lengths separated second and third. Brimblecombe was fourth and Cobham last.

2.0 (2.3).—The SCOTCH CORNER SELLING HURDLE RACE of 70 sovs. Two miles.

CLARKIA, b m. by Irishman—Shadow's Pride (Mr. W. F. Rainford), aged, 11st. 9lb. ..... Owner 1
SIMKIN, gr g. by Cyrnus—Silver Queen (Captain Weber), aged, 12st. ..... L. Rees 2
MAY B., b m. by By George—Queen of the Hawthorns (Mr. J. Reay), aged, 12st. ..P. Powell 3
Louvois Prize (Brigadier-General G. Cheape), aged, 12st. ..... Mason 0
Jing Boy (Mr. D. Featherston), aged, 11st. 9lb. ..... O'Hara 0
Drosera (Mr. W. Binnie), 5 yrs, 11st. 5lb. M. Phelan 0
Inspired (Mr. A. W. Greenwood), 4 yrs, 11st. ..... A. Waudby 0
Visibility (Mr. F. Graves), 4 yrs, 10st. 9lb. ..... Mr. Whitfield 0

(Winner trained by Ransom, at Aislockton)

STARTING PRICES.—7 to 4 agst Louvois Prize, 9 to 4 Simkin, 7 to 1 each May B. and Clarkia, 10 to 1 Inspired, 20 to 1 each agst the others.

TOTALISATOR PRICES.—Win dividend, 11s. ; places, 3s. 6d., 3s., 6d., 3s. Total pool win, 3,407 units; total place pool, 3,970 units.

Won by three lengths; a length and a half separated second and third. Louvois Prize was fourth and Jing Boy last.

The winner was bought in for 100 guineas.

2.30 (2.41).—The MARRICK STAYERS' SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs. Three miles.

PHANTOM CHARLEY, b g. by Holiday House—Phantom Lily (Mrs. M. A. Thompson), aged, 11st. 2lb. ..... J. Cook 1
CHICOT, b g. by Black Jester—Lady Wilton (Mr. G. T. Unwin), aged, 10st. 8lb. ..... F. Wilkinson 2
SON OF ERIN, b g. by Irishman—Hiwahsian Lily (Mrs. K. Webb), aged, 11st. 7lb. Mr. G. Elliott 3
Test Match (Mr. J. E. Balding), aged, 11st. 9lb. (car. 10st. 10lb.) ..... Owner 0
Golden Duke (Mr. J. Scott), aged, 11st. 5lb. ..... W. Gurney 0
Musical Catch (Mr. F. Deuchar), 5 yrs, 10st. 9lb. ..... R. Lyall 0
Progress (Lord Haddington), aged, 10st. 3lb. (car. 10st. 13lb.) ..... Owner 0
Phalanx (Mr. C. W. Tindill), aged, 10st. 11lb. ..... J. Handley 0
Dennisco (Mrs. F. de Moleyns), aged, 10st. 11lb. (car. 10st. 8lb.) ..... Mr. C. Clark 0
Commandant Dan (Mr. J. C. Whiteman), aged, 10st. ..... J. Weymes 0

(Winner trained by T. Webb, at Acklington)

STARTING PRICES.—5 to 2 agst Golden Duke, 3 to 1 Phantom Charley, 5 to 1 Son of Erin, 6 to 1 Test Match, 10 to 1 Chicot, 20 to 1 each agst the others.

TOTALISATOR PRICES.—Win dividend, 8s. 9d.; places, 4s., 10s., 4s. Total win pool, 3,377 units; total place pool, 2,931 units.

Won by a neck; half a length separated second and third. Test Match was fourth and Commandant Dan last.

P. Powell weighed out to ride Arklow, but the horse bolted and did not come under the starter's orders. There was no bid for the winner.

4.0 (4.11).—The AYSGARTH NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 70 sovs. Two miles.

SPRING BLOSSOM, b m. by Englehawk—Spring Bloom (Mr. J. Johnstone), 5 yrs, 12st. 2lb. ..... Mr. Whitfield 1
GAY DOG II., ch g. by Jovial—Prudence (Sir L. Parkinson), aged, 12st. 2lb. Mr. G. Armstrong 2
KILLADOON, b g. by Vlike—Mithra Belle (Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. Tweedie), aged, 11st. 10lb. ..... Mr. Fawcus 3
Barrackton Lad (Sir H. Cholmeley), aged, 12st. 3lb. ..... Owner 0
Pabulist (Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. Dunlop), aged, 11st. 5lb. ..... Owner 0
Hereford Lad (Mr. M. Vasey), aged, 11st. ..... Mr. A. Boyd 0
Monk's Girdle (Mr. T. B. Bowlle), 6 yrs, 11st. 10lb. ..... Mr. R. Renton 0

(Winner trained by E. Davey, at Lochmaben)

STARTING PRICES.—6 to 4 on Spring Blossom, 4 to 1 agst Gay Dog II., 5 to 1 agst Killadoon, 20 to 1 each agst the others.

TOTALISATOR PRICES.—Win dividend, 4s. 9d.; places, 2s. 6d., 2s. 3d. Total win pool, 2,079 units; total place pool, 1,787 units.

Won by three lengths; five lengths separated second and third. Monk's Girdle was fourth and Pabulist last.

3.50.—The CORINTHIAN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 120 sovs. Two miles and a half.

	Yrs st lb
LUVOI (Major E. J. T. Speed) ..... J. Anthony	5 12 7
HOLIDAY HALL (Mr. R. A. L. Harmsworth) ..... Poole	5 12 6
FAR FLIGHT (Mr. H. A. Brown) ..... H. A. Brown	5 12 5
PRINCE TAN (Mr. F. C. Heywood) ..... Martin	6 12 0
aSUNBRONZE (Commander A. V. Dorrien-Smith) ..... Martin	6 12 0
aSUNBRONZE (Mr. A. C. Bostwick) ..... I. Anthony	6 12 0
aGLEN ANDRED (Mr. F. H. W. Cundell) ..... Savill	5 11 13
GRAND CANAL (Mr. A. Dunn) ..... F. Hobbs	5 11 12
THE MONK (Mr. F. C. Powell) ..... Powell	5 11 11
FIDDLE-DE (Mr. R. C. Cotterell) ..... H. A. Brown	5 11 7
AFRIKANDER (Mr. A. Dunn) ..... C. Langhans	5 11 7
DONOVAN (Mr. W. Pigott) ..... Rimell	5 11 6
PHRIMSEKER (Mrs. J. Bellingham) ..... Woodland	5 11 0
QUITE ALONE (Mr. R. F. Goad) ..... J. Nightingall	5 11 0
ZEUS (Mr. G. T. Unwin) ..... Smallwood	5 10 13
COSMONSIDE (Lieutenant-Colonel G. Brooke) ..... R. Thompson	5 10 13
FINE YARN (Sir P. G. Lawson) ..... Pendarves	5 10 10
MYTHOLOGIST (Captain R. E. Sassoon) ..... Martin	5 10 10
aSILVER GRAIL (Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne) ..... Powell	4 10 8

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS

SUNBRONZE, Owner; GLEN ANDRED, Mr. F. Cundell; GRAND CANAL, Mr. G. Owen; AFRIKANDER, —; THOMSON SIDE, Major Miss; MYTHOLOGIST, Owner; SILVER GRAIL, Mr. R. Bennett.

4.30.—The HERONTYE HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Two miles.

	Yrs st lb
O (Mrs. G. L. Redmond) ..... C. Chapman	5 11 10
FAIR WEATHER JACK (Mr. A. E. Berry) ..... F. Morgan	6 11 7
ALAN MALONE (Mr. A. P. Cunliffe) ..... Woodland	6 11 7
aDARK HORSE (Mr. Marshall Field) I. Anthony	6 11 7
EICHO (Mr. E. Gore) ..... Gore	6 11 7
DON PAT (Mr. C. R. Rowe) ..... C. Chapman	6 11 7
MOUNT HAWKE (Mr. Hunter Simmonds) Dick	6 11 7
BARLEY KNOWE (Mr. J. S. Stedall) Stedall	6 11 7
aMAIL FIST (Colonel R. A. Werther) I. Anthony	5 11 7
CORNWALLIS (Mr. A. G. Whiteman) W. Smyth	5 11 7
TEARY (Mr. R. Warner) ..... O. Anthony	5 11 7
NESTORIAN (Mrs. Edgar Wallace) ..... Neary	5 11 7
NONE (Mr. M. Steadman) ..... Willett	5 11 7
RICHARD CLUB (Captain R. E. Sassoon) Martin	5 11 7
NIDCOMPOOP (Lord Portman) ..... Pease	5 11 7
KAKIMONO (Mrs. G. L. Redmond) C. Chapman	5 11 7
TRUNK CALL (Mr. H. J. Joel) ..... C. Chapman	5 11 7
aELTON (Mr. H. Watson) ..... F. Walker	5 11 7
SLEEPY LAD (Mr. W. J. Gale) ..... W. J. Gale	5 11 7
WINTER ROYAL (Mr. G. Gilbey) ..... C. Chapman	5 11 7
aLIVID (Lord Glanely) ..... F. Wootton	5 11 3
LOM HEART (Mrs. J. Carruthers) R. J. Colling	5 11 3
ENNIS BRIDGE (Major A. Somers) F. Hartigan	4 11 3
aGOLDEN HAIR (Sir Matthew Wilson) ..... W. Nightingall	4 11 3
aOLIVER CROMWELL (Mr. A. E. Ansell) Thrale	4 10 7
aTANGIER (Lord Beaverbrook) ..... F. Wootton	4 10 7
aRACECROMBER (Mr. A. Bullock) ..... Gilbert	4 10 7
NORMAN ARROW (Mr. P. Ellison) ..... Hackett	4 10 7
KNIGHT OF KNOCKERVAN (Mr. A. R. McAlpine) ..... Mr. Fawcus	4 10 7
aPORTRAOM (Sir Malcolm McAlpine) J. M. Bell	4 10 7
ENGELSBERG (Sir Malcolm McAlpine) J. M. Bell	4 10 7
SILVER WILLOW (Mrs. Vincent-Thomas) Hall	4 10 7
LAMBIN (Mr. Michael Stephens) ..... Hall	4 10 7
THE TORCH (Mr. V. C. Thompson) F. Hartigan	4 10 7
aMISS BOYCOTT (Mr. C. Tillie) ..... Leader	4 10 7
aWRASEL (Sir Francis Towle) ..... W. Harrigan	4 10 7
SOLDAN (Mrs. Edgar Wallace) ..... Neary	4 10 7
POUNCE (Lady Yarmouth) ..... H. A. Brown	4 10 7

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS

FAIR WEATHER JACK, T. Morgan; DARK ACRE, D. Williams; ELICHO, R. McCarthy; DON PAT, —; ROSE TAN, Mr. D. Morgan; NESTORIAN, J. Hogan; MUSTARD CLUB, Owner; ELICHO, T. Leader; LIVID, T. Donoghue; GOLDEN HAIR, G. Pellérin; OLIVER CROMWELL, R. Thrale; BEACHCOMBER, J. Ward or J. Hamer; PORTRAOM, W. Speck; LAMBIN, E. Foster; WRASEL, A. Waudby; POUNCE, —.

COURSING

BARBICAN CUP MEETING

There was some brilliant coursing at the South of England Club's Barbican Cup meeting yesterday. The flanking was so perfect that there was not one circling hare, and the trials, from start to finish, were well contested and full of interest. It was found possible to go through 52 courses in the space of three hours, and all off one beat.

In the third round of the Barbican Cup Wishing Cap and Mentmore had a great buckle to the hare, and the former just got up. She put on three sharp points, wrenched, and killed. She was, however, lamed in her effort, but on the second time to the slips she stretched out for a lead of three lengths and beat Some Do very easily. There was another good race for the lead between Mendip and Marconigram. The latter just got up, and took the next six points and the kill for a grand flag. Previously Mendip had upset the odds laid on Big Entry, who was only allowed the kill, while Marconigram, in a very long course, outworked William the Conqueror.

The results were :—

The BARBICAN CUP for 64 All Ages.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. S. Whitburn's bk b WISHING CAP beat Mr. R. J. G. Masters's bd d p MENTMORE.
Mr. F. G. Osborne's bk d p SOME DO. beat Mr. T. C. Askew's f d p MAKE ADVICE.
Mr. F. C. Minoprio's be bd d p MENDIP beat Messrs. Bradley and Ellis's bk b p BIG ENTRY.
Mr. R. J. G. Masters's bd d p MARCONIGRAM beat Mrs. S. Whitburn's r f d WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR.
Captain Lord Molyneux's bk d p MAZAWATTEE beat Mr. C. G. Osborne's bd d p GOOD ODDS.
Major C. Blundell's bk d p BEGINNER beat Mr. F. W. Horlock's f d HARBOUR LIGHT.
Mr. J. H. Bean's r f d JEALOUS BEAUTY beat Lord Echo's r f d p SIDELIGHT.
Mr. E. Baxter's r f b EASTERN BALLAD beat Messrs. Bradley and Ellis's bd d BRITISH EMPIRE.

FOURTH ROUND

WISHING CAP beat SOME DO.
MENDIP beat MARCONIGRAM.
BEGINNER beat MAZAWATTEE.
JEALOUS BEAUTY beat EASTERN BALLAD.

The BARBICAN PURSE for 25 Dogs beaten in First Round of Cup.

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. Rank's bk d MONT ROYALE, by Hawklike—Honey Bird, beat Mr. J. H. Bean's r f d p BOWMAN, by Beaufort—Little Belle.
Mr. G. Masters's bd d p MADRAS, by Palmer—Model, beat Mr. E. Baxter's r f d p ELECTRIC BLUE, by Ballyshannon—Steady Up.
Lord Dewar's bd d p DODONA, by Da Novo—Delrino, beat Mr. H. C. Pilkington's r f d p PANNAL, by Pentonville—Piawire.
Mr. St. McAlpine's bd d p KING OF HEARTS, by Mah-a-Bunchill—Fire of Clubs, beat Mr. H. Shoesmith (ns) bd d p GLENLEE BOY, by Ballyshannon—Sack hire.
Mr. R. W. Burbidge's r f d p WALES, by Beaufort—Wyon, beat Mr. T. G. Curtis's bd b NEWVILLE CYGNET, by Trained Band—Watton Fun.
Lord Lonsdale's r f d LEAD KEEP, by Lawman—Gold Seal, beat Mr. T. Noble jun.'s f d p NOBLE STAR, by Pentonville—Beaded Dolly.
Mr. R. Rank's r f d p ROAMING RUFUS, by Running Rein—Heather Blossom, beat Mr. T. G. Curtis's bk b NEWVILLE CHARMING, by Newville Captain—Newville Clover.
Mr. T. G. Curtis's f d NEWVILLE CLINCHER, by Jovial Jollity—Newville Pansy, beat Mr. Parson's f d FOXY PERDINAND, by Lawmaster—Some Taffy.
Mr. J. B. Taneborne's bd d SOUTHERNER, by Gip's Pride—Harlequin Sequel, beat Mr. H. Harris's r f d CHAMPIONS, by Boasted Bob—Sarre Betsy.
Mr. C. G. Osborne's bk d p FANCY FIGURE, by King Ito—Modish Girl, beat Mr. Nelson's bd b p RED REP, by Ile Nova—Red Ribbon.
Mr. E. Baxter's r f b p EDGED BLADE, by Keen Lad—Fine Edge, beat Messrs. Bradley and Ellis's bk b DAISY ADAIR, by Denny—Violet Adair.
Messrs. W. and F. Shaw's r f d p LYM STORMER, by Latto—Delicatessen, beat Mr. H. Chadstone's r f b GLEANER, by Hopeful—Go Guessing.
Sir M. McAlpine's bd d p KNAVE OF HEARTS, by Mah-a-Bunchill—Fire of Clubs. a bye.

SECOND ROUND

MADRAS beat MONT ROYALE.
DODONA beat KING OF HEARTS.
LEAD SEAL beat WALES.
ROAMING RUFUS beat NEWVILLE CLINCHER.
FANCY FIGURE beat SOUTHERNER.
EDGED BLADE beat KNAVE OF HEARTS.
LYM STORMER, a bye.

The BARBICAN PLATE for 10 Dogs beaten in the Second Round of Cup.

FIRST ROUND

Mr. T. C. Askew's bd b MORE FUSS, by Rusty Blade—Never Beaten, beat Mr. Lucas's bd d p LABOUR LEADER, by Strathcarron—Hoy Lad.
Messrs. W. and F. Shaw's r f d p LYM STARLIGHT, by Latto—Delicatessen, beat Sir J. McAlpine's bd d p KING OF DIAMONDS—Fire of Clubs.
Mr. T. Ramsden's r d ROMANCE, by Latto—Binomial, beat the Hon. Mrs. U. M. Paushall's bd d p URGENT, by Loaded Dice—Wealthy.
Captain Lord Molyneux's bk d p MIROMAR, by Da Novo—Soreia, beat Mr. L. Lucas's bk d HELVOIR, by Oshaverton—Foxton Fan.
Lord Lonsdale's f d DOVORAK, by Dargin—Diamantina, beat Lord Lonsdale's r f w b LOTUS LILY, by Harlock—Leading Case.

The MARGATE CUP for 16 All Ages.

FIRST ROUND

Mr. E. Bawn's bd d LOOSE FORWARD, by Jamie—Divorced Duchess beat Mr. J. B. R. Todd (ns) bd w b HEADLIGHT, by Beaded Prince—Trusty.
Miss Wotton's bd d TICKET COLLECTOR, by Hard Times V.—Free Waitress, beat Mrs. S. Maylam's f d BEADED TRUSTY MAYLAM, by Beaded Prince—Trusty.
Mrs. T. Willett's bd and w d BRIGAND, by My Jim—Edith's Brooch, beat Mr. G. Pope's bd and w d SPORTING GOODS, by Hellham Jock—Glow Worm.
Captain C. B. Sorgenson's bd d JIM OF RUFF, by Running Rein—Valentine, beat Miss C. Boulting (ns) f or f d MERRY BOMBARDIER, by Hopeful—Bad Lass.
Mr. Balestrini (ns) bd d EAST BEDFORD, by Wrekenton—Elton Binks, beat Miss Miles's f b EAGER BIDDY, by Latto—Sarre Betsy.
Mr. P. J. Gelsthorpe's r or f d PHOTOGRAPH, by Jamie—Starlit Sea, beat Mr. Parson (ns) bd b KERMINE BOA, by Irish Steeple—Beaded Fly.
Miss T. Weston (ns) r or f d ELECTRIC BATH, by Latto—Sarre Betsy, beat Mr. J. Gilford's f b EXTRA BONNY, by Harbuckle—Beaded Maisie.
Mr. G. Bentley's bk and w b CICELY "B." by My Jim—Betsy, beat Mr. J. Yeoman (ns) bk b CLEVER YARN, by Billy Barlow—Templecombe Lass.

SECOND ROUND

TICKET COLLECTOR beat LOOSE FORWARD.
JIM OF RUFF beat BRIGAND.
PHOTOGRAPH beat EAST BEDFORD.
ELECTRIC BATH beat CICELY "B."

ACCEPTANCES

NATIONAL HUNT STEEPLECHASE, CHELTENHAM

(To be run at Cheltenham, March 13)

Izzari, Handsome, Vice-Admiral, Golden Bells, Royal Bluegum, Rose Marie V., South Green, Mount Kemps, Kinsdale's Pet, Vinchinelli, The Sprite IV., Annunciade, Pallybhzzari, Possible, Fear Nothing, Cyaki, Wretham, Garrabyo, Golden Knott, Mick, Star, Supercargo, Matchlock, Prince of Ivy, Mustang, Prince Patrick, Austrian Star, Miss Gris, Falloch Mor, Johnny Peter Murray, Pedro Ponce, Minstrel Boy, Rosetta Stone, Rara Avis, Lucky Charlie, Ballybrack, Roman Doctor, Baronet II., Sir Lindsay, Musical Comedy, Plain Llamie.

GOODWOOD CUP ENTRIES

(To be run at Goodwood on July 31.)

Sir Joshua, 4; Arctic Star, Old Orkney, Jugo, Brown Jack, 6 yrs; Ashford, Keelish Plover, Kingrock, Prince Stephen II., Sabbat, Mint Master, Mail Pet, Palais Royal II., Casao, 5 yrs; Buck, Cavendo, Leonard, Stat Eagle, Bosworth, Montchat, Posterity, Haste Away, Grease Paint, Kopi, Le Vizir, Lemon Gar, Monsieur de Marechal, Tom Pearlies, Hornet, Bastard, Vasilus, Xenophobe, Stockcross, Cuttle-fish, Prince Noir, 4 yrs; Fairy Prince, Bilbank, Collingham, Smoky Light, Casquet Light, Eugene, Gowan Lodge, 3 yrs.

POINT-TO-POINT RACES AT GRAFHAM

The Cambridge University United Hunts Point-to-Point races were held at Grafham yesterday in fine weather. The course was about three-and-a-half mi

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THE F.A. CUP

HULL CITY'S VICTORY

GREAT GOALKEEPING

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Hull City beat Newcastle United in a replayed Sixth Round F.A. Cup-tie at Hull yesterday by one goal to nothing, and so one Second Division team passes into the semi-final.

It is not often it is possible to write that one man saved his side, but Gibson, the goalkeeper, saved Hull yesterday. His goalkeeping had nothing in the least lucky about it, as he did not, that is to say, happen to be in the way of shots he knew little about, but he timed his falling beautifully, and five at least out of the dozen or more good shots he saved reflected the greatest credit on the forwards concerned, for they had plenty of power behind them, were well directed, and had that swing-away at the last second which goalkeepers so dislike. Gibson's work by no means ended with the actual saving of shots. His anticipation and that instinctive knowledge of when to come out—and how far—and when to stay at home never failed him, and, on yesterday's form, there is no more brilliant goalkeeper in England.

Such a eulogy of a goalkeeper suggests, and so far as this match is concerned suggests rightly, that his side were often on the defensive, and, indeed, for three-quarters of the second half the Newcastle forwards were constantly attacking. The Hull City defence, although very sure and keen in its tackling, showed an over-great anxiety to concentrate on Gallacher, and during the last few minutes, when every one on the Newcastle side except the backs and the goalkeeper were potential scorers, Hutchison, at outside-right, was given three or four clear runs to goal and it was his shots which produced Gibson's most magnificent saves. Gowdy, at left-half, played a very good game for Hull, and the two wing forwards made what they could of their somewhat infrequent chances, but the Hull City attack, which, in the second half, hardly existed, broke down badly in the centre owing mainly to Alexander's defective ball control. The Newcastle backs always looked safe and their half-backs gave their forwards a lot of the ball, but to blame the forwards for not scoring is simply to pay another tribute to Gibson. Their work, at times, was neat and effective, they did not allow the hustling football of Hull City to panic them into a kick-and-rush game, and they got in a sufficient number of shots to win any ordinary match, but Gibson, yesterday at any rate, was no ordinary goalkeeper, and all their work went unrewarded.

The gates were closed some time before the start, and there were well over 30,000 people present when the teams came out. The day was fine, but the ground was hard enough underneath to give the ball too much bounce to make it easy to control. Hull City were the first to attack, and McInroy gave a corner in saving a high shot of Taylor's, but before the end of the match it became obvious that if Hull City were going to put their trust in that bustling energy, vigorous tackling, and the policy, interrupted in the first half by some quick and clever football, of kicking the ball hard up the centre and trusting to one of the defenders to make a mistake, Newcastle United were determined to try to play their normal League game. A dribble by Lang ended with a pass to Weaver, which left that player close to goal, and he dribbled still closer before sending in a shot which gave Gibson the first of a series of wonderful saves.

A little later Gibson ran out and caught a high centre of Hutchison's, but Newcastle came nearest to scoring when Gallacher, who, like A. G. Doggart, is amazingly quick at bringing a bouncing ball down dead to his feet, dribbled through the two Hull backs and ran on to within 20 yards of the goal before shooting high over the bar. Hull City were quick enough on the ball to do their share of attacking, and McInroy caused some excitement by dropping a shot that came high and slowly to him, and, the next moment, Alexander, left unmarked in front of goal, had a great chance, but the pass caught him unbalanced and, although he had time to recover, his shot was a feeble one. The football was exciting enough, but Newcastle, if only for the fact that they did at times take what is known in military strategy as "the line of least expectancy," looked the better team, and just before half-time Gibson had to make another of his saves when Gallacher worked his way through and sent in a beautiful cross shot which was swinging away into the corner of the net as Gibson went down to it.

Hull City scored their winning goal after two minutes' play in the second half. Taylor made a good run down the right wing, but two Newcastle defenders converged on him, and the ball was lost. It was, however, pushed back into the centre, where Howieson, with no one near him, trapped it and took a deliberate, almost leisurely, drive at goal. He must have been quite 30 yards out, but McInroy did not judge the flight properly, and the ball went high into the left-hand corner. The game after this resolved itself into a battle between Gibson, helped, not always adequately when it came to positional play, by his backs, and the Newcastle forwards. Two or three times, of course, the Hull forwards broke away, and once Alexander lost a wonderful opportunity, through hesitation, but to write of the last 30 minutes is, in effect, to compile a catalogue of Gibson's saves.

Twice shots of Hutchison's taken on the run were deflected at the last second by full-length dives at the ball and Gallacher, Weaver, and Richardson had, in quick succession, the disappointment of seeing drives that looked like scoring all the way from their feet stopped by an agility and sureness of eye and hand that approached the miraculous. Once Gibson was on the ground surrounded by a crowd of players, three or four times he was yards out of goal fisting away corner-kicks, and even those who had no partisan interest in the match must have wished he would remain undefeated to the end. He did, but the last few moments were, for him, the most trying of all. It remains to be said that, although there were fewer deliberate fouls than at Newcastle, there were far too many free-kicks.

The teams were:—

HULL CITY.—Gibson, goal; Goldsmith and Bell, backs; Walsh, Childs, and Gowdy, half-backs; Taylor, Starling, Alexander, Howieson, and Duncan, forwards.

NEWCASTLE UNITED.—McInroy, goal; Maitland and Thomson, backs; McKenzie, Hill, and Weaver, half-backs; Hutchison, Richardson, Gallacher, McDonald, and Lang, forwards.

REVISED DRAW

The revised draw for the semi-final ties of the F.A. Cup, to be played on March 22, is as follows:—

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.—On Manchester United ground; replay on Everton ground.

HULL CITY v. THE ARSENAL.—On Leeds United ground; replay Aston Villa ground.

Kick-off, 5.0 p.m.

CLAPTON ORIENT BEAT OXFORD

Oxford University put up a good fight against a fairly strong Clapton Orient side, at Homerton, yesterday, and the professionals were a little fortunate to win by two goals to one.

In the first half there was no question that Oxford were the better side, and they would assuredly have scored more than once but for the fine work of Lawrence and Eastman, who stood out in an otherwise weak Orient defence. Kingsley scored for Oxford after 35 minutes, after Slater had pushed out a corner-kick by Benest, and this lead the University retained until some 15 minutes from the end. Clapton Orient played in far more impressive fashion in the second half, and twice Jack failed badly when well placed. Dominy and Edmonds were the men who most troubled the University defence, which did not appear very safe under pressure, and Dominy eventually headed the equalizing goal from a centre by Townley. Five minutes later Garland-Wells, who often keeps goal for Clapton Orient, appeared to be unsighted when Hughes sent in a low, cross shot, and this goal, which came 10 minutes from the end, won the game for the professionals.

SCOTTISH AMATEUR TEAM

The Scottish team to play England in the Amateur International match at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday, March 15, was yesterday selected as follows:—

R. G. C. Peden (Queen's Park), goal; T. K. Campbell (Queen's Park) and W. Wiseman (Queen's Park), backs; R. Grant (Queen's Park), R. Gillespie (Queen's Park), and W. S. King (Queen's Park), half-backs; J. McCree (London Caledonians), J. McDonald (Murrayfield Amateurs), D. McLeland (Queen's Park), F. P. Taylor (Queen's Park), and C. D. McKenzie (Queen's Park), forwards.

McCree, Taylor, and McKenzie are all new to international football. The team differs largely from those which played against Ireland and Wales, and includes nine members of Queen's Park, who have been playing splendidly of late in their Scottish League matches.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE MOBBS MEMORIAL MATCH

The Barbarians were represented by an interesting as well as a powerful side in the Mobbs Memorial match at Northampton yesterday, when they beat the East Midlands by two goals and four tries (22 points) to a penalty goal and a try (6 points). The preliminary ceremony of laying wreaths at the foot of the statue erected in Market-square was performed this year by Mr. R. F. Oakes, vice-president of the Rugby Union, and Mr. C. T. te Water, High Commissioner of South Africa, who had the personal and honourable memory of having played with Mobbs in the Combined Midlands team that, alone among the English sides, succeeded in beating the Australian touring side of 1908.

The Barbarians, as generally happens when a scratch side, no matter how brilliant, meets an experienced club or county fifteen, were not seen at their best in the opening minutes, during which the opposing pack nearly always got the ball. The combination of J. Millward, the Midlands scrummage half-back, and his front-row forwards was, in fact, an important factor throughout the game, and with a little more pace the stand-off half-back and the centres, who were repeatedly on the run, would have tested the Barbarians defence more severely than they did. As it was, it was not enough for a very promising centre like R. C. Brumwell to dodge his way past either M. Robson or L. H. Collison, nor for T. E. K. Williams to cut through on his own.

The difference in speed between the two sides became more and more pronounced, and it required only a slight improvement at forward and in handling the ball behind the scrummage for the Barbarians to score the tries. A. Key, who was in good form, started the first successful movement, missing out R. S. Spong, and so sending away Robson and Collison before the defence were able to mark their men properly. The ball thus reached C. C. Tanner, on the right wing, quickly and, with Spong and P. W. P. Brook up to take their passes on the inside, a try became practically unstoppable. Before this the strong and determined running of Tanner had been one of the features of the play. Tanner, like Collison, had failed to gain his Blue at Cambridge, but they now found themselves playing in an important game before the critical eyes of the Rugby Union Selectors. Collison proved himself neat and enterprising in attack, but rather uncertain in defence.

Tanner enjoyed a personal triumph, so far as going for the goal-line was concerned. An aggressive run by Spong from his own half of the field, backed up by J. W. Forrest, led to a typical punt ahead by Robson which was effective because well placed and not too obvious, and a clean pick-up in his stride by Collison more or less presented Tanner with his first try. Soon afterwards Spong intercepted and gave Tanner a long pass which he took without any trace of an effort to steady himself. His stride, which is as long and stronger than Reeve's, did the rest, and a successful place kick by F. D. Prentice, who was playing instead of H. Wilkinson, enabled the Barbarians to change ends holding a lead of 11 points.

East Midlands opened the scoring in the second half by means of a penalty goal, well kicked by R. Vaughan, but before long the all-round speed of the Barbarians again began to tell heavily. Pace and cross-kicking enabled Tanner to score the fourth try and Brook the fifth. Prentice gave the scoring pass to Tanner. It was the fumbling of Reeve's cross-kick on the goal-line that enabled Brook once more to show what a dangerous forward he is in the loose. Then came a well-deserved rush try for the East Midlands, immediately following a mark by Coley, who towards the end of the game showed signs of his old form in the loose. A. S. Roncononi, of West Herts, who is barely 20, also played well in the East Midlands pack, while J. McD. Hodgson, in the Barbarians back row, once more revealed himself as a very useful player. A breakaway by Key, and Reeve's ability to round a tiring defence gave the Barbarians their sixth and last try, and before the end the East Midlands forwards had no luck at the end of a swift rush up to their opponents' goal-line.

In view of the opposition, the East Midlands did well to contribute so much to a fast and most attractive game. They were, of course, saved from a heavier defeat largely owing to the success of their forwards. The Barbarians for their part, could claim to have sustained the highest traditions of the club and to have assisted the English Selectors considerably in the task of picking the side to play Scotland. Two more points in the play may be mentioned. Spong's magnificent handling was one, though it also had to be recognized that he need not have made so many wonderful catches over his head if he had remembered the lessons of the Dublin match and stood farther away from Key, who, very properly, persisted in his efforts to throw as long a pass as he possibly could. The other point was the play of E. C. P. Whiteley a strong and steady full-back, but apt to be caught by forwards

The teams were:—

EAST MIDLANDS.—R. Vaughan (Northampton), back; L. G. Ashwell, N. Reed, R. C. Brumwell, and A. E. Alston (Bedford), three-quarter backs; T. E. K. Williams (Bedford) and J. Millward (Northampton), half-backs; E. Coley (captain), W. H. Weston, A. D. Matthews, J. Harris, R. Webb, and V. Watkins (Northampton), A. S. Roncononi (West Herts), and E. Perkins (Bedford), forwards.

BARBARIANS.—E. C. P. Whiteley (Old Allerynians), back; C. C. Tanner (Cambridge), L. H. Collison (Cambridge), (M. Robson (Oxford), and J. S. R. Reeve (Harlequins), three-quarter backs; R. S. Spong (Old Millhillians) and A. Key (Old Cranleighans), half-backs; H. Rew (Army), D. J. Norman (Leicester), D. A. Kendrew (Woodford), W. Forrest (Royal Navy), F. H. Black (Oxford), F. D. Prentice (Leicester), P. W. P. Brook (Cambridge), and J. McD. Hodgson (Northern), forwards.

Referee.—Major J. E. C. Partridge.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH AT SWANSEA

Ireland will play Wales at Swansea to-morrow afternoon. Of the three International matches Ireland have played they have won two and lost one. Wales have already lost two matches and have still to meet France in Paris on Easter Monday.

The failure of Wales against England at Cardiff was a disappointment in Wales, which for once had a wealth of competent backs to choose from, and seemed to have an excellent chance of opening the season well on a ground on which England had won only once before. Welsh forward play, however, still is not so fast or up to date as that of the other countries, and it required only a bad beating in the scrummage, aggravated by poor play at scrummage half, to throw the whole Welsh plan of campaign out of gear. It tested too severely the capabilities of the rest of the side, J. C. Morley, on the right wing, and J. Bassett, perhaps the best full-back playing, excepted. It was lucky for Wales that the English three-quarter backs, apart from J. S. R. Reeve, were unable to rise to the opportunity presented them by their forwards and a pair of half-backs, who, if not an ideal combination, were better than the Welsh pair.

Ireland also made a bad start by letting France score the only try of a poor, if exciting, game at Belfast, but the Irish pack, even without G. R. Beamish and J. McVicker, held the English forwards at Dublin, and, with E. O'D. Davy in the centre instead of at stand-off half-back, and G. V. Stephenson marking Reeve, put up such a defence that in the end a dropped goal by T. P. Murray was enough to beat the try scored by their opponents. As it was, another sound display at forward, and an equally fine defence that enabled Ireland to win their match at Murrayfield, where Davy also found some of his old form as a runner-in, the Irish team should not be easily beaten at Swansea. The only change in their side has been the return to the pack of N. Murphy, a back-row forward who was dangerous all the time against England but was unable to play against Scotland.

Wales made many drastic changes after their first defeat. The pack was improved by the introduction of A. Lemon, H. Peacock, and D. Thomas, and the presence of W. C. Powell nearly made all the difference at the scrummage half-back. The Welsh Selection Committee were hardly justified in dropping two such good players as J. C. Morley and H. M. Bowcott and a promising young centre, T. E. Jones-Davies. The Welsh pack almost smothered the Scottish forwards in the first half, but could not stay the pace; their recovery late in the second half was caused largely by the withdrawal of Rowand from the scrummage to assist Hart, who was limping on the left wing. While the Welsh forwards were on top it was the slowness of two men, F. L. Williams and B. R. Turnbull, good players otherwise, which spoiled the chance of drawing and beating the Scottish defence several times. G. Davies and R. Boon, on the other hand, had no chances in attack, though Boon's pace enabled him to hold I. S. Smith. When the team against Ireland came to be picked Davies was passed over for Morley, T. E. Jones-Davies returned in the place of Turnbull, and W. G. Morgan, who had been left out of each of the previous Welsh sides, gained a further cap at the expense of G. Jones, of Cardiff, while Boon was left on the left wing, but Boon will be unable to play to-morrow and H. Jones, of Swansea, will take his place. Had A. R. Ralph, of London Welsh, not been so seriously injured earlier in the year, it is probable that he would have partnered Powell against Ireland, for Williams has failed to show his best form. Williams is still a young player, but, unfortunately for Wales, he has lost in speed and dash what he has gained in improved physique and experience. The substitution of N. Fender, of Cardiff, for I. Jones, the Llanelly wing forward, is the only change in the pack.

Unless rain falls heavily during the next 24 hours St. Helen's ground will be hard and fast. These conditions should not favour either side unduly, but unless the Welsh forwards stay much better than in their other two matches, and improve in heeling, the Irish defence may be too good for Wales, as it was for England and Scotland and nearly for France. Ireland, on the other hand, cannot afford to make serious mistakes, for, with Stephenson past his best and Davy and the others uncertain in attack, Ireland still lack in scoring power. What may prove the decisive factor in a close game will be the ability of Powell and the Welsh forwards to foil the deceptive breakaway of M. Sugden from the scrummage.

The teams will be:—

WALES.—J. Bassett (Penarth), back; J. C. Morley (Newport), T. Jones-Davies (London Welsh), W. G. Morgan (Swansea and Guy's), and H. Jones (Swansea), three-quarter backs; W. C. Powell (London Welsh) and F. Williams (Cardiff), half-backs; T. Arthur (Neath), H. Day (Newport), A. Skym (Cardiff), E. Jenkins (Aberavon), D. Thomas (Swansea), N. Fender (Cardiff), H. Peacock (Newport), and A. Lemon (Neath), forwards.

IRELAND.—J. W. Williamson (Dolphin), back; J. C. Arigho (Lansdowne), M. F. Crowe (Lansdowne), E. O'Dwyr (Lansdowne), and G. T. Stephenson (London Hospital), three-quarter backs; T. P. Murray (Wanderers) and M. Sugden (Wanderers), half-backs; H. O'Neill (Queen's University, Belfast), J. D. Clinch (Wanderers), M. J. Dunne (Lansdowne), J. L. Farrell (Bective Rangers), C. J. Hanrahan (Dolphin), G. R. Beamish (Leicester and R.A.F.), Noel Murphy (Cork Constitutional), and C. T. Payne (North of Ireland), forwards.

A KENT XV. BEAT SOMERSET

A Kent XV. won a narrow victory over Somerset, at Taunton, by a goal and three tries (14 points) to four tries (12 points). A feature of the game was the poor place kicking on either side. Only one of eight tries scored was converted; this was enough to give Kent their victory.

For the whole of the first half and part of the second the greater speed of the Kent backs gave them a definite advantage, and it was not until the game was far advanced that Somerset really troubled the Kent defence. Then the game underwent a change, and three tries were scored within a few minutes. Lillicrap gave Somerset an early lead with a try after some play in the loose. The splendid running of Lassen at wing three-quarter soon enabled the visitors to take the lead. Lassen scored two tries and Hogan one. Immediately after the interval Hogan added a try which he himself converted. Then came the Somerset rally, Lillicrap, Twose and Gerrard all crossing the Kent line.

At Blackdown yesterday in the semi-final round of the Aldershot Command Rugby Football Cup competition, the 1st Battalion, The King's Own Royal Regiment beat the Searchlight Battalion, R.E., by 28 points to three.

The Oxford University Rugby Cup final between Brasenose and Balliol will be played on the University ground to-morrow; kick-off 2.30 p.m.

In a Rugby League match at St. Helens yesterday, St. Helens Recreation and Oldham drew, each side scoring five points.

ICE HOCKEY

OXFORD BEAT PRINCE'S

The feature of the League game at Golders Green last night between Oxford University and Prince's was the wonderful rally of Oxford in the last 10 minutes of the game, which produced three goals and enabled them to snatch a creditable victory by three goals to two.

It was not surprising that Prince's cracked in the last period, for they had set a tremendous pace in the first period, during which they had scored twice, and the second was almost equally fast. Thanks to their brilliant defence and some very good goalkeeping by B. M. Patton, Prince's had held doggedly on to their lead in the second period, and the way in which Patton went down to some of the Oxford attacks, with two or three of the Oxford forwards on top of him, was worthy of a Rugby scrummage half. Once both he and the goal were carried to the barrier, but he scraped the puck away safely. It was in the last period that the superior fitness of the University side told its tale, and it was fitting that Bonnycastle, who had played brilliantly throughout, even if a trifle too individually, was responsible for the three Oxford points.

Prince's scored in the first five minutes through Gagnon with a shot from some distance out, which took Turnbull by surprise, and Dunne added a second after a very fine run and shot. Prince's combined the better and had the better of the first period. There was no score in a very fast and level second 15, but in the final period Prince's started well and then broke down before the persistent Oxford attacks. Bonnycastle's first goal was the result of a good pass from the right, and he scored the second over Patton's prostrate body in goal. In the last few minutes, after another great tussle near the goal, Patton was only able to half save Bonnycastle's shot, and it went over the line to give them a narrow victory.

The teams were:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—B. N. Turnbull, goal; R. Maitland, G. Stanley, A. J. Grace, C. Bonnycastle, W. F. Wallace, F. A. Heydt, and H. G. Ladeur.

PRINCE'S CLUB.—B. M. Patton, goal; E. Erhardt, P. M. Davies, D. Gagnon, J. J. Dunne, M. Levy, T. Job, and G. H. Fisbenden.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Arrangements have now been made for the German Ice Hockey team to play a British Ice Hockey Association side at the Hove rink on March 13 and England at Golders Green on the following evening. France, represented by Chamonix, will play the B.I.H.A. at Golders Green on March 20 and England at Hammersmith on March 21. If possible they will play a third match, at Hove, on March 19 or 22. It is hoped, also, that Austria will come over to play two games after Easter.

As the match against Germany is to be played on March 13 the League game between Cambridge University and Prince's has been postponed to a date, yet to be fixed, after Easter. Three League matches have had to be scratched altogether because Oxford have found it impossible to play more than three games. They will therefore meet Prince's, London Lions, and United Services once, instead of twice, and four points will be at stake in each game.

The Second Division of the tournament will, through the difficulty of fixing dates, take the form of a knock-out competition. The provisional dates are March 14, Hammersmith v. Prince's II., at Hammersmith, and March 17, Bata v. Casuals, at the Ice Club. East Sussex, the other entrants, have drawn a bye.

TO-NIGHT'S MATCH

Cambridge University, who drew with London Lions on Wednesday, meet the United Services, the British ice hockey champions, in an Ice Hockey League match this evening at Hammersmith Ice-Drome. The match is to start at 7.45, and the teams will be as follows:—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—W. G. Speechly (St. John's) (captain), goal; E. Trautenberg (Pembroke) and H. B. Cannon (Trinity), defence; F. A. de Marvel (Pembroke), R. Warren (Trinity), R. H. Fawcett (Clare), F. Churchill (Trinity), and H. W. Bragdon (Trinity Hall), forwards.

UNITED SERVICES.—L. W. H. Kerr, goal; W. S. Clouston and G. H. Strabbe, defence; F. J. Home (captain), E. W. Finch-Noyes, P. Fair, and C. James, forwards.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE RESULTS

OXFORD

RUGBY.—OXFORD UNIVERSITY SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

	Pts.		Pts.
KEBLE	16	CORPUS	5

OTHER MATCH

JESUS, CAMBRIDGE	27	MAGDALEN, OXFORD ..	3

HOCKEY

	Goals		Goals
DEAN CLOSE, CHELTEN- HAM	3	KEBLE	1
CORPUS	3	HERTFORD	2
JESUS	8	WADHAM	4
PEMBROKE II.	8	NEW COLLEGE II. ..	3

CUP-TIE SEMI-FINAL

ST. EDMUND HALL ..	2	ORIEL	1

CAMBRIDGE

RUGBY.—Peterhouse 16 points, Selwyn 8; Fitzwilliam House 41, Trinity Trojans 0.

ASSOCIATION.—CUTTING-ON COMPETITION.—Fitzwilliam House II. 1 goal, Jesus II. 0; St. Catharine's II. 5, Caius II. 1. OTHER MATCHES.—Emmanuel 4, Christ's 3; King's 2, Queens' 2; Nomads 4, Pembroke II. 2.

HOCKEY.—Trinity Hall 3 goals, Selwyn 2; The Cricketa 6, Emmanuel 3; New College, Oxford, 4, King's 2; Downing II. 4, Sidney Sussex II. 0; Caius III. 4, Trinity Casuals 1.

BOXING

ARMY CHAMPIONS AT THE ALBERT HALL

(FROM OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT)

The first championship meeting to be held by The Army at the Royal Albert Hall has proved a great success. Other purely amateur tournaments have filled the great building with spectators, but none so completely and with such enthusiasm at the first attempt as that yesterday, when Prince Arthur of Connaught was present.

It cannot truthfully be said that the boxing as a whole, last night, marked any pronounced advance in actual boxing skill, but at least these 22 concluding three-round contests of a tournament in which 275 officers and men had entered were fully up to the old standards in everything that mattered. It also promised well for the near future that nine new champions emerged with fair credit. Several of them, in fact, like Corporal Jones, who won the Men's Welter, and Drummer Quilter, who outfought if he could not outstay Lance-Sergeant Smith, the holder, in the final of the Light-weights, may well go a long way in the amateur ring. Again, the tournament produced some fairly good fights in the Bantam and Welter divisions in spite of the absence through indisposition of such deservedly popular boxers as Lance-Corporal Bennett and Sergeant Wigmore, each an A.B.A. champion.

TWO OUTSTANDING OFFICERS

The most finished boxer among the officers no doubt was Lieutenant Huxham, who, unfortunately for the spectators, was not seriously extended by a gallant enough opponent in last night's final of the light-weights. The officers, however, also produced in Lieutenant J. Brittain-Jones a heavy-weight of well above the average, both in the right kind of physique and in natural fighting skill. His final opponent was Lieutenant C. K. T. Faithfull, the Rugby International forward, as tough in the ring as in the scrummage, and possessing also a useful short-arm punch with either hand. It called for a powerful, and not merely powerful, effort by Brittain-Jones to reduce such a man to a staggering helplessness in the third round, when the referee stopped the fight. It was a good sign that the winner was able in his most vigorous periods to recall to mind the use of the straight left.

Neither Lieutenant Gainher nor Second Lieutenant Black defended his title in the Welters and Middles, but that did not mean that the new champions did not earn their titles. Lieutenant McCulley, for example, had a hard and exciting fight with Lieutenant Chetwynd-Stapylton, who bore the exchange of blows well until just before the final gong. Lieutenant J. H. Dalrymple, the Scottish Rugby International, also proved himself a formidable fighter in his final. Lieutenant P. G. Davis, who last year had won the Heavies, appeared this time as a Light-Heavy and beat another officer from the Tank Corps inside two rounds.

Bandsman Jones, who won the Bantams, had to face a singularly agile and awkward right-handed boxer in his final, and perhaps should not be under-estimated because he found the "South-paw" style of Private Marsh, who also has a very good defence, so hard a problem to solve. In the semi-final round Jones had done well to beat Corporal Cupples, a member of the team that toured in Scandinavia, and Marsh, equally so, had proved his worth by beating a goodish man in Private Waring.

The form shown by Corporal Jones in beating an experienced man like Sergeant Beale in the final of the Feathers was very nearly professional in the best sense of that word. If Jones appears in the Amateur Championship his fights ought to be worth watching. Jones, it should be added, had beaten Sergeant Wood, the holder, in the semi-final stage. Drummer Quilter became one of the heroes of the evening by the determination and speed with which he set about the task of beating Lance-Sergeant Smith in the final of the Light-weights. His two-handed fighting had timing and force behind it, and his sense of ringcraft was surprising in so inexperienced a fighter. It was only when he tired that the holder was able to make use of his superior strength. Lance-Corporal O'Grady was strangely subdued in each of his two fights for a man possessing such a record of victories by the knock-out. O'Grady himself was knocked out by Lance-Corporal Kennedy, the holder of the Light Heavy title and a man who, if a poor boxer, has few equals as a whole-hearted swinger.

RESULTS

OFFICERS

FEATHER-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Lieutenant D. E. Taunton (Depôt, Northamptonshire Regt.) (holder) beat Lieutenant W. H. Pears (2nd South Staffordshire), who retired after two rounds.

LIGHT-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Lieutenant H. C. D. Huxham (2nd Battalion, Loyal Regt.) (holder) beat Lieutenant N. Swain (Green Howards) on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Lieutenant McCuley (Royal Sussex Regt.) beat Lieutenant Chetwynd Stapylton (Somerset Regt.) on points.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Lieutenant Dalrymple (Duke of Wellington's Regt.) beat Lieutenant Reith (Wiltshire Regt.), the referee stopping the contest in the second round.

LIGHT-HEAVY-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Lieutenant Davis (Royal Tank Corps) beat Lieutenant Brown (Royal Tank Corps), the referee intervening in the second round.

HEAVY-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Lieutenant Brittain Jones (Black Watch) beat Lieutenant Faithfull (Duke of Wellington's Regt.) in the third round, the referee stopping the contest.

OTHER RANKS

FLY-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Sergeant-Instructor Haslam (A.P.T.S.) (holder) beat Bandsman Fairhurst (King's Regt.) on points.

BANTAM-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Bandsman Jones (Dragoon Guards) beat Private Marsh (K.O.Y.L.I.) on points.

FEATHER-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Corporal Jones (Royal Welch Fus.) beat Sergeant Beal (The Buffs) on points.

LIGHT-WEIGHT

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.—Drummer Quilter (East Lancs Regt.) beat Rifleman Dickel (K.R.R.C.) on points; Lance-Sergeant Smith (Military College of Science) (holder) beat Fusilier Shaw (Royal Fusiliers) on points.

FINAL ROUND.—Quilter beat Smith on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.—Private Barr (R.A.M.C.) beat Lance-Corporal Peters (Irish Guards) in the third round; Fusilier Davies (Royal Welch Fusiliers) beat Gunner Beasley (Royal Artillery) on points.

FINAL ROUND.—Barr beat Davies on points.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.—Sergeant Jamieson (Gordon Highlanders) beat Lance-Corporal Stewart (Scots Guards) on points; Trooper Benjamin (Queen's Bays) beat Lance-Corporal Trett (Manchester Regt.) on points.

FINAL ROUND.—Benjamin beat Jamieson, who was disqualified for holding in the second round.

LIGHT-HEAVY-WEIGHTS

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.—Lance-Corporal Kennedy (East Lancashire Regt.) (holder) beat Corporal Wallis (Depôt, Cameronians) in the second round; Lance-Corporal O'Grady (Grenadier Guards) beat Lance-Corporal Midgley (Coldstream Guards) on points.

FINAL ROUND.—Kennedy beat O'Grady, the referee stopping the fight in the second round.

HEAVY-WEIGHT

FINAL ROUND.—Signalman C. A. Stuart (Royal Corps of Signals) (holder) beat Guardsman F. Place (1st Grenadier Guards) on points.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD

Cambridge beat Oxford in the University boxing match in the Corn Exchange at Cambridge last evening by four events to three. Cambridge won the first four events of the contest and Oxford won the last three, the heavier weights. This was an exact reversal of last year's result, which Oxford won by four events to three.

It was generally expected that Cambridge would win easily, for they had four of last year's team left, while Oxford had only one, their captain, M. J. Bessel, a light-weight. Last year Bessel beat D. G. Obeyesékere, the Cambridge captain this year, after having been beaten by him in 1928. This year Obeyesékere was a welter-weight, but J. Shackleton, who was a welter-weight for Cambridge last year, was a light-weight this year and beat Bessel on points.

D. F. Gleed, a feather-weight, won his bout for the third year in succession for Cambridge. Cambridge won the first three matches and made certain of victory when Obeyesékere beat Cox in the fourth match. Oxford then won the last three bouts. All the matches were won on points except that of the light heavy-weights, in which S. Knox-Cunningham, of Cambridge, who was beaten last year, was knocked out in the first round. In the last bout of the heavy-weights Lord Graham beat F. D. G. O'Dwyer on points.

The results were:—

BANTAM-WEIGHT.—M. S. Bair (Clifton and Trinity, Cambridge) beat S. Lottisville (Oblahama and St. Catherine's, Oxford) on points.

FEATHER-WEIGHT.—D. F. Gleed (Uppingham and Caius, Cambridge) beat C. L. Dervaux (Haberdasher's, Aske's and Balliol, Oxford) on points.

LIGHT-WEIGHT.—J. Shackleton (Keighley and St. Catharine's, Cambridge) beat M. J. Bessel (Beaumont and St. John's, Oxford) on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT.—D. G. Obeyesékere (Royal College, Ceylon, and Trinity, Cambridge) beat D. R. F. Cox (Trinity, Dublin, and University College, Oxford) on points.

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BILLIARDS

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

After a remarkable match S. Lee (London) beat M. A. Boggin (Liverpool and Manchester), in the second heat in the second round of the Amateur Championship, at Thurston's Hall, in Leicester-square last night by 10 points. Lee qualified to play L. Steeples (Sheffield) in the first of the semi-final heats, next week.

Boggin began the second half of the game with a lead of 17, and during the afternoon session the lead changed a number of times before Lee reached his points with an advantage of nine. Lee scored 519 for an average of 23, while Boggin made 493 for an average of 21.

The play in the early part of the session was not quite up to the standard set on the previous day. Lee was not so certain as usual, and Boggin misjudged some of his losing hazards. Boggin also made several indefinite strokes, in which he relied too much on the great amount of running side he imparted to the cue ball. The safety play had the effect of increasing the difficulties of the players, who had to make most of their own chances, and in the first 10 visits by each the highest runs were 58 (from 43 unfinished), 69, and 22 by Boggin, and 46, 34, and 33 by his opponent. After Boggin had added a break of 65 and Lee one of 45, Boggin made a very clever stroke to leave a double balk, but his attempt to score by means of a run-through loser was poor.

When he secured another opening Boggin failed at a middle pocket loser when he had scored 24, and Lee took the lead for the third time in an hour with a very good break of 73. Boggin, however, regained the advantage with a run of 41, made another clever stroke to leave a double balk, and added a break of 95, at the end of which he missed a difficult cross-cushion cannon. The play was very keen and the safety methods caused the progress to be slow at times, but Lee, playing extremely well, improved his position with breaks of 37 and 69. Boggin's lead then had been reduced to 37, but he increased his advantage by means of a run of 86. Lee missed a very good chance when he failed to make a little cannon after scoring 47, but Boggin played poorly when he had a very good chance of completing the session with a good lead. Lee's methods were sound, and after adding a run of 24, he reached his points with a break of 76 (unfinished).

The scores at the interval were:—S. Lee (in play), 1,502; M. A. Boggin, 1,493.

The play in the evening was remarkably keen and close, Lee scoring 498 to 497. Each had an average of 14.

Lee increased his unfinished run to 114, when he potted the white and left a double balk. Lee was so relentless with his safety play that Boggin scored only two points at his first six visits, and these were conceded by his opponent. When he did secure an opening Boggin made runs of 29 and 72, which enabled him to take the lead again. At the end of the second of these runs Boggin missed a screw, middle-pocket loser, and this mistake proved most expensive. The object white was in balk, but Lee scored 46 off the red ball and, getting the white into play, he showed very fine all-round form while making a break of 122. Lee missed a run-through loser in the end, but he left the white on the edge of the pocket, and Boggin had to pot it. Boggin endeavoured to pot the red at his next stroke, and his failing to do so gave Lee the opportunity to increase his advantage with runs of 30, 19, and 20.

The luck of the game went against Boggin, whose highest runs were 37 and 35, and with runs of 43 and 62 Lee secured a strong position. Boggin, however, gave a very sound display while making a break of 111, and with runs of 34, 69, and 31 he took the lead. This Lee regained with a run of 50, which took him within 33 of game. Boggin, however, made a run of 48 and then got within 10 of game, but Lee played steadily and finished the match with a break of 33 (unfinished).

The result was:—S. Lee (London), 2,000; M. A. Boggin (Manchester), 1,990.

The third heat, between H. P. E. Coles (Cardiff) and E. T. P. Connolly (Aldershot), will be begun to-day.

LINDRUM v. NEWMAN

When the match between Lindrum and Newman was continued at the Memorial Hall in Farringdon-street yesterday Lindrum was leading by 3,153. Newman had the better of some good play in the afternoon, when he scored 1,159 for an average of 145, while Lindrum made 964 for an average of 138.

Newman increased a run of 200 (unfinished) to 269, and at successive visits he made breaks of 41 and 527, including runs of 35, 41, and 42 cannons. Lindrum scored 186 before Newman made his big break, and then Lindrum played quickly while making a break of 640, which included a run of 66 cannons. Newman did most of the scoring for some time afterwards, adding breaks of 158 and 325, but Lindrum, who had paid four visits to the table to score 10 points, then played out time with a run of 117 (unfinished), leading by 2,958.

The scores at the interval were:—Lindrum (in play), 22,015; Newman, 19,057.

In the evening Lindrum made breaks of 146 (full), 293, 633, 191, and 200 (unfinished), while Newman's chief runs were 164, 548, and 222. Lindrum had the fine average of 234, while his opponent's average was 163.

The closing scores were:—Lindrum (in play), 23,417; Newman, 20,037.

DAVIS v. McCONACHY

McConachy made a break of 1,156—his fourth four-figure run of the match, and his 14th of the season—in his match against Davis, at Birmingham, yesterday. He was a little more than an hour at the table, and finally broke down at a screw loser at the top of the table, after making a run of 56 close cannons. Altogether the New Zealander scored 1,382 for an average of 230, while Davis made 525 for an average of 87. The scores at the interval were:—Davis (in play), 19,300; McConachy, 18,788.

The closing scores were:—Davis (in play), 20,260; McCon

Parliament

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORDS AND ORDERS TO THE FORCES

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT

HOUSE OF LORDS

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

The LORD CHANCELLOR took his seat on the Woolsack at a quarter past 4 o'clock.

The LORD CHANCELLOR announced the appointment of Mr. H. J. F. Badeley, Principal Clerk of the Judicial Department and Taxing Officer of Judicial Costs, as Clerk Assistant in the place of Sir Edward Hall Alderson, who has been appointed Clerk of the Parliaments in succession to Sir Arthur Taring, resigned.

The United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution Bill and the Portsmouth Corporation Bill were read a third time.

PRAYERS FOR RUSSIAN SUBJECTS

DUKE OF ATHOLL'S MOTION

The DUKE of ATHOLL drew attention to orders recently issued to the Army, Navy, and Air Force Services, "That it is undesirable that intercessory prayers for Russian subjects should be read at religious services," and asked the Government on what grounds they justified the abrogation of religious freedom for British subjects, and moved for papers. He said that as a result of the meeting yesterday between the party leaders and the Prime Minister on this matter he understood that the following supplementary order had been issued to General Officers Commanding:—

"Sir,—With reference to my letter of February 27, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that his Majesty's Government, in order to remove any possible misunderstanding, wish it to be generally understood that officers and other ranks cannot be compulsorily paraded to the intercessory services, but they are free to attend voluntary services of an intercessory character. In cases where troops do not attend parade services at places of worship other than garrison churches, officers and other ranks will not be compulsorily paraded to any service where intercessory prayers for Russian subjects are to be made."

He presumed that similar orders were issued to the other Services. This supplementary order made confusion still worse confounded, and instead of being an intelligible order its phraseology was more like a test for drunkenness. If this order was issued direct by the Cabinet, while it was certainly within their power, it was taking a monstrous advantage of that power. (Opposition cheers.) The whole question had now been definitely pushed into the political arena by the gross stupidity of the Government in issuing an order which was absolutely unnecessary. As the Government had refused to make public anything in the report which the British Ambassador in Moscow had made to them on the religious question in Russia, they might assume that there had been no exaggeration, but that the charges against the Soviet had been proved up to the hilt.

He wished to know whether the Army Council and the heads of the other Services were ever consulted on this matter, or whether they merely received instructions direct from the Cabinet. Also, he would like to know whether the Board of Chaplains were consulted before the order was issued; and if not, if any complaint or protest had been received from the Board or any individual on it. If the order was issued direct it was a very foolish proceeding. He could hardly imagine what the Government were afraid of, for no matter how strong his private views about the question might be, no chaplain would deal with the Russian question from a political point of view at a military service or make any propaganda against the Soviet in his official capacity. If he did so he would, of course, put himself in the wrong. How and why did the Government wish to distinguish between the murder and torture of women and children in Russia and, say, in China, and why should soldiers be permitted to join in intercessory prayers for Chinese pagans when they were forbidden to do so for Russian Christians? The order did not specify parade services, but services in general; and, therefore, if any man took part in a religious service at which there were intercessory prayers, he would, if by himself, be guilty of insubordination, and, if with others, it would be an act of mutiny, the extreme penalty for which was death. They therefore saw the Government taking advantage of their immense authority to forbid the rank and file to pray that kindness might take the place of brutality and that love and peace might be brought about between those who were suffering in Russia and those who were torturing them.

A religious service did not necessitate the presence of a chaplain or any minister of the Gospel. A group of soldiers or sailors might hold a prayer meeting, perhaps in a Y.M.C.A., and each of them would then be guilty of the new military offence, "Thou shalt not pray." When the absolute stupidity of the order became patent, the First Lord of the Admiralty thought he had found a clever way out by saying that it should be made to apply only to regular parade services conducted by chaplains, at which the men were ordered to attend whether they wished to or not. That was entirely farcical, because all that a chaplain would have to do was to hold the ordinary parade service at 10.30 and then have a special service with intercessory prayers at 11. The new form of the order made things worse in every way. It must be presumed that the Government believed there were certain soldiers who actually approved of the practices that were going on in Russia. Thus the religious feeling of the good soldiers was to be sacrificed for the benefit of what might be termed the bad soldiers in this respect—bad soldiers, whom he did not believe existed in our Army. The inevitable result would be that every soldier who could possibly do so would go to some intercessory service or other, and it would be exactly the reverse of what the Government wanted. He supposed that the men might go to the voluntary services in uniform, and he hoped they would do so; it would be a very great protest. In their own best interests he asked the Government to acknowledge their error and to rescind an order which showed little faith in the loyalty of the Services and was an insult to their intelligence. (Opposition cheers.)

LORD THOMSON'S REPLY

CHARGE OF IRRELEVANCE

LORD THOMSON, Secretary of State for Air, said that the speech of the Duke of Atholl was an unsuccessful attempt to make political capital out of a religious issue. Having failed completely to make any valid political point he fell back on mere abuse. Ninety per cent. of the questions which the noble duke had put to him (Lord Thomson) were entirely irrelevant. (Ministerial cheers.) Cabinet instructions were conveyed to the three Services on this matter through their representatives and were conveyed in the ordinary manner. Certainly, so far as the Council over which he presided was concerned, he did not actually consult the Chaplain-in-Chief. The noble duke was not correct in stating that the second order which he had read was issued as a result of the conference between the party leaders and the Prime Minister. The order was dated March 4, which was the day before the meeting referred to. Having read to the House the orders issued to the three Services Lord Thomson went on to say that, speaking as the political head of one of the Services, his thought on this matter had been amply expressed by a very famous Nonconformist divine, Dr. Rushbrooke, in a letter to *The Times*. Dr. Glover, another eminent divine, had written to *The Times* on this subject. Practically every member of the Cabinet found his views expressed in that letter.

He wished it were possible to segregate the religious side of this matter. But—admittedly against the wishes of the majority of their lordships' House, but in accordance with a considerable majority of the House of Commons—the Government had restored diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia; and, that being so, what right had they, at parade services attended compulsorily by the troops, to prescribe a form of prayer which, however graciously and properly put, was in fact a condemnation of the present system of government and the conduct of the Government in Russia? There was a proportion of foolish people in Russia, as in this or any other country—people who would say the British were indulging through religion in propaganda against Russia. He sincerely hoped that in Russia they would not read the speech of the Duke of Atholl, for they would then be justified in making such an accusation. That was the political aspect of the question, and it was for that reason alone that the Government issued the order it did issue.

This was not a party question, though the noble duke had tried to make it one; it was a line of conduct which would have been taken by any Government finding itself in diplomatic relations with Russia. He did not believe that a single member of their lordships' House would have advocated this form of prayer with regard to any country except Russia. To say that the Russian Government were torturing Christians was a direct accusation, under the guise of a religious protest, so far as the noble duke was concerned, against the Government in Russia, with whom we were trying to establish workable and friendly relations. Could anything be more disastrous than to leave such an impression as must be left by using official prayer in accusation of that Government?

Considerable publicity had been given to the case of Dr. Carlile, of Folkestone, who complained of the order issued by the Air Ministry, defied the Air Ministry to do its worst, said that the Air Ministry could deprive him of his wings, and, generally speaking, took up a challenge which had never been thrown down. There were many air stations in this country in the vicinity of towns, where a number of airmen belonged to the Baptist or Wesleyan Churches and for whom no services could be held in barracks. They were marched to the nearest Baptist or Wesleyan chapel, where they formed part of the general congregation. Such chapels and such ministers were entirely unaffected by these decisions. Dr. Carlile had received and would receive no instructions from the Air Ministry. His wings were in no danger; he was not a chaplain of the R.A.F., but merely an officiating clergyman who performed the services mentioned.

In the confusion that had grown up round this subject a great deal had been said and done that was regrettable, but it had been a confusion between form and substance. It might be that orders were issued which did not make the situation perfectly clear to begin with, but as soon as that confusion became apparent, immediate steps were taken to make it abundantly clear that the only regulation affecting the Forces of the Crown applied to compulsorily attended parade services of an official character, and that there was nothing to prevent any member of the Forces praying in public or private, in an unofficial manner, for Christians in Russia. The Archbishop of Canterbury was obviously the spiritual leader of all the soldiers, sailors, and airmen who were members of the Established Church, and the Government in no way wished to impinge on his spiritual authority. But they did take into account the political implications of this matter, and he could best sum up the instructions of the Government and the outcome of the conversations that took place yesterday by saying that the restrictions applied only to parade services on ships, in barracks, or garrison churches provided for the special use of troops out of public funds, and they did not apply to services where the men were merged in a civilian congregation. That was the substance of their wishes and instructions as a Government, and from that position it was impossible for the Government to recede. They did not desire to do any of the things that the Duke of Atholl suggested. What they did—and they were going to adhere to it—was, as far as possible, to harmonize political and religious considerations in a matter into which a good deal of unnecessary confusion and heat had been imported.

THE PRIMATE'S VIEW

POSITION OF THE CHAPLAINS

The ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY said that the Duke of Atholl was able to relieve his feelings with a very enviable freedom from responsibility. He hoped that the noble duke would not think him lacking in appreciation of the strength of his feelings if he could not make his own the terms in which he expressed them, and would forgive him if he said that he had not made his own task, which was a somewhat responsible and difficult one, any easier by the use of some of the irrelevances by which his speech was both encumbered and spoilt.

Having said that, he was bound to say that the action of the Government in this matter had been both unfortunate and unnecessary. (Cheers.) Evidently, from what Lord Thomson had said, that action was based on the belief that these prayers were undesirable because of the political character which the controversy had assumed. In a wider sense it was difficult, in this matter, wholly to discount religious feeling and conviction from political considerations, because the tragedy of the whole position was that the vehement anti-religious propaganda and, he still ventured to say, oppression were part of the settled and declared policy of the Government of Russia. But it was wholly unjustified and unjustifiable to say that this call for the prayer of people in this country had any sort of connexion with any political controversy with anyone. (Hear, hear.)

In the speech which he (the Archbishop of Canterbury) delivered in the Convocation of Canterbury calling for the observance of this day of prayer, he used deliberately these words:—"I have carefully waited until my protest"—of which this request for prayer on a particular day was part—"could be clearly dissociated from any political issue in this country." He went further, in saying:—"I have kept apart from any movement which might be regarded as propaganda against the present political régime in Russia." He thought that the person who asked for the observance of this day of prayer might be believed when he said, and said before the Government took action, that he had no sort of connexion with any political agitation in this country.

This request for prayer did not come from the Archbishops and Bishops alone, but from the leaders of the Free Churches, who, though they might very legitimately have expressed opinions as to the character of prayer in compulsory as distinguished from the character of prayer in voluntary services, so far as he knew had one and all associated themselves with the request that these prayers should be offered in all parts of the country on or about that Sunday. It would be very strange to suggest that many of these eminent Free Church leaders were in any way engaged in a political controversy on this matter. On March 19 the Pope had asked all those who owed allegiance to him to join with him in intercessions for those suffering from oppression in Russia. It would not, he thought, be supposed that his Holiness was actuated in these matters by political motives.

"DEEP AND WIDESPREAD INSTINCT"

This call for prayer had not arisen out of political controversy. It had arisen from the instinct which impelled men, in the stress of great sympathy with suffering and anxiety for the sufferers, to pray; and this instinct in our country and elsewhere on the Continent of Europe and in the United States of America was so deep and widespread that it had demanded its expression in common prayer. He would read the words which he had suggested to his own diocese for the calling for this prayer, because they expressed what these prayers meant. Lord Thomson had asked whether it was right for his Majesty's Government to encourage prayers where the Soviet Government would be directly attacked and where they might be described in those prayers in the language used by the Duke of Atholl. So far as he (the Archbishop of Canterbury) knew, the noble duke had not been invited to compile the prayers which were to be used on March 16, and probably most of them would shrink from the use of those particular terms. But was there anything which suggested political propaganda or political pressure in such a summons as this:—

> Let us, in common with multitudes of our fellow Christians throughout the world, make remembrance in our prayers of those in Russia who are suffering oppression for their faith.
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> There could not be the slightest doubt that they were suffering from oppression.
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> Let us commend them to the mercy and protection of Almighty God our Heavenly Father. Let us pray that the power of His Spirit may uphold them in their sufferings, strengthen their faith, and give them fortitude and hope; let us pray that the hearts of their oppressors may be changed

—he wondered whether even Lord Thomson would hesitate to express such a prayer as that—

> that they may be delivered from fear and peril; and that the Church in Russia, purified by its affliction, may arise to fulfil its mission to the people with new zeal and power.

Was there anything political in such a request for prayer, or was there anything in which the officers and men of his Majesty's Forces might not have been permitted to join? (Cheers.) It was true that his Majesty's Government were not called on to prescribe prayers even of that sort, but why did they think it necessary, in the case of officers and men of his Majesty's Forces, to prohibit their attendance when those prayers were offered?

THE GOVERNMENT TO BLAME

It was most unfortunate that the Government, by their own language, should have attached a political character to prayers which were never intended to have such an association at all. It was the Government who had said that in view of the political agitation these prayers must be regarded, he supposed, as in some sort partaking of that character. He thought that the Soviet Government would not be averse to making use of the language which his Majesty's Government had used. They would be, perhaps, entitled to say, in their characteristic manner: "All this business about prayers from these English people, what is it but politics? Why, their own Government have said that it is so." (Hear, hear.)

There was another aspect which could not be wholly dismissed from their minds. The relations between the secular and the spiritual authorities in regard to religious services in the Army and the Navy were always, of course, necessarily most delicate. Hitherto they had always been conducted with perfect smoothness and good will. Difficulties sometimes arose, but they had always been quietly and sensibly met. So far as he knew, this was the first instance—certainly within recent years—in which the Government directly, and not through the appropriate spiritual authorities, had issued orders about the prayers which it was or was not desirable should be offered in the presence of His Majesty's Forces. He must say that he was a little concerned when he heard even Lord Thomson, who had tried to show so much considerateness in the matter, say that he had issued his orders without even consulting the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force. A proceeding of that kind, the issue of instructions from a Government, not based upon, in all cases, consultation with the proper spiritual authorities, concerning matters of worship and prayer, was very apt to raise difficult questions. It was very difficult, in that context, to defend. Was it really worth while to strain relations of this kind, which had their difficulties, and which had always, by consultation between the Government authorities and the spiritual authorities, been happily and easily arranged?

If there were any danger that these prayers would acquire, by the use of certain terms, some political association, there were other ways in which that danger might have been avoided. If the intimation had been made to the Chaplain-General, the Chaplain of the Fleet, the Principal Chief Chaplain of the Royal Air Force, or to the Board of Chaplains dealing with the chaplains of other denominations, that, in regard to the observance of this particular Sunday, it would be desirable to point out to chaplains that they should take every care to see that the prayers could not be reasonably regarded as having any political complexion, he was perfectly certain that the proper spiritual authorities in the Navy, the Army, and the Royal Air Force would have obeyed, and that these instructions would have been loyally followed throughout the country. If the Government had thought fit to confer with the religious authorities, of whom he (the Archbishop) might have been regarded as one, before the issue of these orders, a very different solution might have been found. (Cheers.) The decision of the Government had been taken, and in its main details they could not be expected to withdraw it without giving rise to fresh misunderstandings in a matter which was already sufficiently complicated, and the last thing he wished to do was to put the Government in any embarrassment. It was at least satisfactory that an intelligible principle had been reached drawing a clear distinction between parade services, at which attendance was compulsory, and voluntary services, and that there was no desire to interfere with voluntary services which might be arranged in the Army, Navy, or Air Force. If that distinction, which had already been made clear to the Navy by the First Lord of the Admiralty on February 19, had also been made clear to the Army and the Air Force many of the subsequent difficulties and confusions would never have arisen. But the words of the Army Order of March 1 conveyed quite a different impression. (Cheers.)

TRIBUTE TO THE PRIME MINISTER

As soon as he saw the Army Order issued on March 1 he communicated with the Prime Minister, who at once saw that it went a great deal beyond what had been laid down on February 19 by the First Lord of the Admiralty. He wished to acknowledge with gratitude the promptitude with which the Prime Minister took steps that misunderstandings should not arise. He was very grateful to Mr. MacDonald for the very conciliatory way in which he had met the difficulties, which need never have been created. The distinction now made between the two kinds of services, if adhered to, might remove many of the difficulties which had occurred. But he still remained uncertain and puzzled about cases where troops were paraded to attend other churches.

Lord Thomson had said that there was no desire to interfere with troops attending churches where they were merged in the general congregation; but his statement remained inconsistent with the second Army Order issued on March 4, which said that in cases where troops attended parade services at places of worship other than garrison churches, officers and other ranks would not be compulsorily paraded to any service where intercessory prayers for Russian subjects were being used. This matter must be cleared up because it put the officiating chaplains in an extremely difficult position. They were faced with the alternative of either depriving their congregation from joining in the prayers of their fellow-countrymen because there happened to be some soldiers paraded within the congregation; or they had to say that the troops which they had been accustomed eagerly and hospitably to welcome must not attend the service on parade.

Until the second form of the Army Council Order was modified or withdrawn it could not be said, as Lord Thomson had said, that no interference whatever would be made with the troops attending services where they were merged in the general congregation. He therefore pressed that that point should be made clear. Was it worth while to create all this inevitable friction and trouble, not only among Church of England officiating clergy, but also among Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Nonconformist ministers in this country merely in order to carry out in its logical precision the decision which had been come to as to the distinction between voluntary and compulsory services? (Cheers.) The whole action of the Government had really been superfluous and extraordinarily confused and unfortunate in the way in which it had been carried out. He hoped that an end would be made of the matter, and that all the people of the country would be able to offer those prayers which arose from the deepest instincts and convictions of their hearts. (Cheers.)

The MARQUESS of LONDONDERRY said that he thought that their lordships would agree that the Government had been guilty of an error of judgment in the way they had handled this matter. Lord Thomson had made a very sincere speech, but he and the Government were inclined to be too ingenious. The Government were exaggerating the fears which were in their minds about Russia if they thought that the relations between this country and the Russian people could be endangered by the solemn words which would be uttered on March 16.

EARL BEAUCHAMP said that the complete silence in which the Duke of Atholl sat down was the best comment on his very unfortunate remarks. It was always unfortunate to introduce prejudice into discussions in their lordships' House, but to introduce religious prejudice in matters of political import was doubly unfortunate and could not possibly lead to any good. He did not think he had ever heard a speech which made him more inclined to move that the Standing Order should be observed "that the noble duke be no longer heard." He associated himself much more with what was said by the Archbishop of Canterbury and with his criticisms than with those of the noble duke. It might be that the first order that was issued by the Government was not quite clearly put and that the second order had not been clearly understood. It did not seem to him impossible that even a third order might be issued by the Secretary for War to make the position entirely clear. They all disliked the airing of religious difficulties in their lordships' House. He regretted that they should have seemed necessary on that occasion, but it was altogether fortunate that from the speeches they had heard there seemed every prospect that matters would be smoothed over and that all the wishes legitimately expressed by the Primate would be met by the Government.

LORD PARMOOR, Lord President of the Council, said he agreed with Earl Beauchamp and hoped that the result of the discussion would be to disperse the cloud and fog of prejudice introduced by the noble duke who started the debate. The purpose of what had been done was not only not to abrogate religious freedom, but to ensure that religious freedom should be maintained by not introducing this subject into the compulsory parade services. What the Archbishop had said ought to relieve them of any difficulty in dealing with what, no doubt, was essentially a difficult question. They desired, he thought, to express disapprobation of what had been called religious persecution in Russia, with the limitation which was emphasized by the Archbishop, that in doing so they must take care that they did not increase the persecution against which they desired to raise their protest. The point raised by the Archbishop was one that could be well understood; he said that the first Army order left room for doubt, and, having formed that opinion, they were grateful to him for entering at once into telephonic communication with the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister realized the difficulty which affected the Most Rev. Primate and at once set to work to make clear the point which the Archbishop thought was obscure in the original order. He wanted it made perfectly clear that the order did not apply to any voluntary service but only to compulsory parade services. In matters which were religious but which had political implications, was it right that attendance should be enforced? There ought to be no compulsion in such matters. It was equally important that there should be no interference whatever with regard to voluntary attendance which a soldier or airman might desire to make at services where special prayers were being used. He understood that the Archbishop of Canterbury appreciated what had been done.

The ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY.—It was the best way out.

LORD PARMOOR.—I would go further and say that, as matters now stand, it is the right way out. When it is said that this is the best way out, does it mean that there is no right way out?

The ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY said he doubted whether there was any necessity for getting in.

LORD PARMOOR.—That is a difference of opinion. Proceeding, he said that the Government had done all that could be done to preserve religious freedom in the true sense under difficult circumstances. He could see nothing but harm in pursuing this question as though there was any real antagonism between the Government and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Government might have made mistakes, but, as matters now stood, a true distinction had been drawn. Those who really loved Christian freedom and detested and abominated persecution would do their best to help the position and not to suggest unnecessary difficulties.

The ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY asked if Lord Parmoor would give an assurance that what was said by Lord Thomson would be carried out, and that, in cases where troops were paraded in churches other than garrison churches, no interference would be made on the ground that they were then merged in the general congregation.

LORD PARMOOR said he would give that assurance in the strongest possible way. He would like to give it not as his own assurance but as the assurance which he understood Lord Thomson had given definitely.

The ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY asked that Lord Parmoor would see that the necessary changes were made in the existing Army Order.

The DUKE of ATHOLL assured noble lords that he had no wish to be rude in what he had said. Continuing, he said it would have been more sensible to say that no man, during the time in question, need attend any parade if he did not wish to rather than to try to control what the prayers were and were not to be. That would have been the simplest way out of the difficulty. If the Cabinet or those responsible had acted through the proper channels they would never have landed in any of those difficulties which, he hoped, were now at an end. He hoped the question would now be dropped, though he had felt bound to raise it, and he withdrew his motion for papers.

Their lordships rose at 10 minutes past 6 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

The SPEAKER took the Chair at a quarter before 3 o'clock.

INTERCESSORY SERVICES AND THE FORCES

LABOUR MEMBERS' PROTEST

Mr. MATTERS (Kennington, Lab.) asked the Prime Minister whether, in view of the controversy regarding intercessory services on the religious situation in Russia, the Government would arrange for the cancellation of all church parades on Sunday, March 16, as part of the routine compulsory for the naval, military, and air forces, and issue instructions that all ranks of the forces should be at liberty to attend, or refrain from attending, church services which might otherwise be available to them.

Mr. MAC DONALD (Seaham).—I am happy to say that it looks as though the matter can be satisfactorily settled on the lines indicated in the answer which I gave on Tuesday last in reply to a private notice question by the right hon. gentleman the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. MATTERS.—May I ask the right hon. gentleman how his pledge, given to this House, of full spiritual liberty will be fulfilled if officers and men are compelled to attend parades and services held under chaplains to the forces and insist on making their protest?

Mr. MAC DONALD.—I think we shall have to observe what happens. I am very unwilling, in connexion with this subject, to raise the whole question of compulsory parades, which will be raised if the matter is not satisfactorily settled on this occasion. (Cries of "Why not?" and "Let it be raised.")

Mr. THURTLE (Shoreditch, Lab.).—May I ask the Prime Minister if he is not aware that if he allows the present position to obtain the men will be compelled, against their will, to go and listen to these intercessory prayers, and whether he considers that a means of ensuring full spiritual liberty?

Mr. W. BROWN (Wolverhampton, W., Lab.).—Quite apart from this particular issue of intercessory services, may I ask what a Labour Government is doing anyhow to compel sailors and soldiers to go to church whether they want to go or not? (Cheers.)

SIR A. KNOX (Wycombe, U.).—Is there a single man in his Majesty's Forces who objects to these intercessory prayers? (Cheers and Labour cries of "Yes.")

There was no answer to these questions.

Mr. THURTLE.—I beg to give notice that, in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the reply, I will take an early opportunity to raise this matter on the adjournment. (Cheers.)

CABINET COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL INSURANCE

SIR K. WOOD (Woolwich, W., U.) asked the Minister of Health whether the Cabinet Committee who were considering proposals in connexion with social insurance had yet arrived at any conclusions.

Mr. GREENWOOD (Nelson and Colne).—I have nothing to add to the reply which I gave to the right hon. gentleman on the same subject on January 23.

SIR K. WOOD.—What is this Committee doing? (Cheers and laughter.) What is the reason? Is it the Chancellor of the Exchequer who is stopping it from proceeding with its work? (Cheers.—Mr. GREENWOOD.—The right hon. gentleman, in spite of his front-bench position, is acting with all the irresponsibility of a back-bench member. (Cheers and loud Opposition laughter.) EARL WINTERTON (Horsham and Worthing, U.).—Is it not one side of Ministerial responsibility to give a plain answer to a plain question? (Cheers.) There was no reply.

SUPPLIES OF RADIUM

LIEUT.-COM. KENWORTHY (Hull, Central, Lab.) asked the Minister of Health whether any progress had been made in obtaining supplies of radium independently of the present foreign monopoly, and especially from mines and workings within the Empire; and what steps were being taken to that end.

Mr. GREENWOOD, Minister of Health (Nelson and Colne).—The primary objective is to increase the amount of radium at present available for use in this country, and the Radium Trust has thought it best with that object to have recourse to the existing sources of supply, including such supply as is available in this country.

LIEUT.-COM. KENWORTHY.—I am quite aware of that, but is my right hon. friend aware that the Cabinet Sub-Committee set up recommended that efforts should be made to get an independent supply within the Empire, and, looking ahead, is any action being taken?

Mr. GREENWOOD.—I understand—I cannot be responsible for the statement—that the Radium Trust is considering that question now.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS (Torquay, U.).—Has the right hon. gentleman made any inquiries about the Cornish supply and the possibilities of getting radium there?

Mr. GREENWOOD.—I understand that the Radium Trust has that under consideration also.

LIEUT.-COM. KENWORTHY asked at what price radium was now being purchased for medical and surgical purposes in the public welfare; and whether the right hon. gentleman was satisfied that the price charged was a fair one.

Mr. GREENWOOD.—I understand my hon. and gallant friend refers to the purchase of radium by the Radium Trust. The Trust will in due course present its annual report, and will doubtless deal in it with the question of its purchases.

THE TEST WORK INQUIRY

Mr. HORE-BELISHA (Devonport, L.) asked whether the Minister of Health had now considered the returns which had been made as the result of the special inquiry he set up into test work in November last; and when he would be in a position to make a statement.

Mr. GREENWOOD.—No, Sir. I am not yet in a position to make a statement.

Mr. HORE-BELISHA.—May I ask why the right hon. gentleman persistently refuses to make a statement on a subject on which he was very voluble when in Opposition? Mr. GREENWOOD.—The answer is quite simple—because I am not an automatic machine. (Ministerial laughter. An HON. MEMBER.—What sort of a machine are you?) Mr. SHAKESPEARE (Norwich, L.).—If a question is put down next week will it get an answer. (An HON. MEMBER.—The same answer!) Mr. ALBERY (Gravesend, U.).—Does not the right hon. gentleman think that the continual repetition of the same answer in the House may lead us to think he is an automatic machine? (Laughter.)

Mr. GREENWOOD.—Hear, hear.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

Mr. D. G. SOMERVILLE (Willesden, E., U.) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether, within the last five years, any fresh proposals had been brought to the notice of his Department by any parts of the British Empire in favour of an extension of Imperial preference, either on existing articles or on new ones.

Mr. SNOWDEN, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Colne Valley).—The answer is in the affirmative.

SIR W. DAVISON (Kensington, S., U.).—What action has been taken?

Mr. SNOWDEN.—The representations were received during the lifetime of the late Government and I am not aware that any advice was taken.

SIR W. DAVISON.—It is sufficient for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to be responsible for the sins of his own Government. Will he say what action this Government has taken with regard to representations from the Dominions?

Mr. SNOWDEN.—These representations have not been received by this Government, and so far as I have been able to ascertain there were about five during the previous five years, one of which was about a preference on plumbago. (Laughter.)

MR. SNOWDEN AND TRADE UNCERTAINTY

"A WIDESPREAD CONSPIRACY"

The MARQUESS of TITCHFIELD (Newark, U.) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether he was aware that uneasiness was being engendered in the ball and roller-bearing trade owing to the uncertainty as to the future of safeguarding; that many workers were being thrown out of the trade owing to this uncertainty; and what steps he would take to improve matters.

Mr. SNOWDEN.—I have no information on the allegations contained in this question.

The MARQUESS of TITCHFIELD.—Is the right hon. gentleman aware that by his inaction in this matter he has thrown out of work 300 persons in my constituency?

Mr. SNOWDEN.—I am not aware of the alleged fact stated by the hon. member, but I know that there is a widespread conspiracy to attribute unemployment wholly due to other causes to my refusal to anticipate the Budget statement.

The MARQUESS of TITCHFIELD.—May I send the right hon. gentleman details of this, and will he come down to my constituency and see for himself?

LIEUT.-COL. HOWARD-BURY (Chelmsford, U.).—Is the right hon. gentleman aware that these McKenna duties affect not only the motor-car industry but many subsidiary industries?

Mr. SNOWDEN.—I am aware of that and of the injurious effect which these duties have had, not only on the motor industry but many allied industries. In reply to the supplementary question of the noble lord, may I say that if I went down to his constituency he might live to regret it? (Laughter.)

SIR A. STEEL-MAITLAND (Tamworth, U.).—Does the right hon. gentleman adhere to his statement that his delay in giving any decision one way or the other has had no detrimental effect whatsoever on industry?

Mr. SNOWDEN.—There will be an opportunity of dealing with that matter fully next week, and nobody will welcome that opportunity more than I shall. (Cheers.)

The MARQUESS of TITCHFIELD.—Will he accept the invitation to come and speak in my constituency?

No answer was given.

BUSINESS NEXT WEEK

Mr. MAC DONALD, replying to Mr. BALDWIN (Bewdley, U.), announced the business for next week as follows:—

MONDAY.—Supply (second allotted day): Civil Estimates and Estimates for the Revenue Departments, Vote on Account, Report stage, when it is understood that unemployment will be discussed.

TUESDAY.—Coal Mines Bill, Committee.

WEDNESDAY.—Army and Air Force Supplementary Estimates, Committee; Report stage of Supplementary Estimates taken on March 6. If time allows, further stages of Land Drainage (Scotland) Bill.

THURSDAY.—Discussion on the motion of censure on the Government for their attitude towards the safeguarding duties. Report stage of Army and Air Force Supplementary Estimates.

On any day that time permits, other orders.

SUPPLY

THE SCOTTISH FISHING INDUSTRY

The House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. DUNNICO, Deputy Chairman of Committees (Consett), in the Chair.

On a supplementary estimate of £3,050 for the Fishery Board for Scotland,

Mr. ADAMSON, Secretary of State for Scotland (Fife, W.), said that when six months ago he visited the harbours used by the herring fishing industry in Scotland he found that the amount of debt resting on them was a grievous burden to the industry and prevented the necessary reconditioning of many harbours. The proposals he had outlined to the House last November had been generally welcomed, and in order that there should be as little delay as possible in making arrangements to carry out reconditioning Parliament was now being asked to pass this supplementary estimate. The Fishery Board had purchased a vessel for dredging, which would be ready in the course of a month or so. A sum of £2,300 was the most that the Board could see any likelihood of spending on reconditioning of harbours before March 31, but the balance of the total of £20,000 that had been set aside for this purpose would not be lost, as the Chancellor of the Exchequer had agreed that what could not be done before March 31 should be done during the next financial year. The Fishery Board were proposing the allocation of several sums for reconditioning work on a number of harbours. Grants had already been given amounting to £17,500, independent of a sum of £500,000 which had been placed at the disposal of the Development Commissioners.

Recalling the disaster to the Scottish fishing fleet off the East Anglian coast on November 11, Mr. Adamson stated that, while the public in Scotland had responded with enthusiasm to the appeal that was made to them, the relief fund thus raised was insufficient to enable the fishermen to replace their nets and gear, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer supplemented the fund by a loan of £50,000 on easy terms. Turning to the schemes for repair and renewal of Scottish fishery harbours, he mentioned that, in addition to the grants already given, other schemes which would cost £275,000 were under consideration, and there had been remission of debt to the extent of £126,000. The total amount sanctioned for the purposes he had mentioned was £255,280. He thought the help which the present Government had given to the fishing industry compared favourably with what had been done by the late Government; and that there would be general agreement that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had been very generous.

MAJOR WOOD (Banff, L.) said there was no doubt that the Secretary for Scotland had taken a very great personal interest in the fishing industry and had done something to help it that compared favourably with what had been done by his predecessor, but the improvements in the harbours of both England and Scotland were due more to the Development Fund started by Mr. Lloyd George than to anything else. (Ministerial laughter.) He urged that in the interest of the development of the country the harbours were entitled to as large a share of the Road Fund as the roads, or an even larger share.

Mr. SINKINSON (Berwick and Haddingtonshire, Lab.) said that the Government had only touched the fringe of the question.

Mr. BOOTHBY (Aberdeen, E., U.) asked how the services of the dredgers were to be allocated as between the different harbours. The assistance given to fishermen for loss of gear ought not to be confined to those who suffered in the storm in November. He thought also that the rate of interest charged on the loan was far too high, and charity ought not to have been mixed up with Government grants.

Mr. J. BROWN (Ayrshire, S., Lab.) agreed that the relief fund should not be applied only to fishermen who suffered in the storm off the East Anglian coast. A fisherman who lost his gear owing to an unlighted buoy in the Firth of Forth was just as much entitled to share in the loan.

SIR P. FORD (Edinburgh, N., U.) thought that, having regard to the great importance to the country of the Scottish fishing industry, not only as a source of food supply but as a provider of sailors in time of war, the Government should have come to its assistance with a grant of public money instead of leaving it to private charity.

Mr. MILLAR (Fife, E., L.) urged that the time for applications for assistance from the relief fund should be extended.

MAJOR ELLIOT (Glasgow, Kelvingrove, U.) said the debts on the Scottish harbours were hoary with age, and in his opinion it was no longer a business proposition to keep them on the Treasury books. The Scottish Department of the late Government had found that nearly £1,000,000 had been spent on the harbours, the money having been advanced through different bodies or agencies, which really meant the taxpayer. It was obvious that the debts were irrecoverable, and he pressed the Secretary of Scotland to approach the Treasury with a view to having them written off.

UNDER-SECRETARY'S REPLY

Mr. JOHNSTON, Under-Secretary for Scotland (Stirling and Clackmannan, W.), replying to points raised, said it was the intention of the Secretary of State to visit those harbours in Scotland in regard to which he had already taken steps for their improvement, and also those which he had not yet been able to assist. The arrangements made by the Committee in charge of the relief fund were now all but complete. The new dredger would, it was hoped, be ready in a month's time, and its services would be placed at the disposal of the harbours in order of urgency and need. The Secretary of State had been urged to extend the period during which applications might be made, but his right hon. friend had decided that they could not wait any longer, and he proposed, as speedily as possible, to begin to pay out. There had been criticism of the Government's attitude to the fishing industry. The fact was that whereas during the four years of the last Government there was an average grant to the fishing communities of Scotland for all purposes of £9,382 per annum, during the nine months of his right hon. friend's tenure of office there had been handed out a sum of £255,280. (Hear, hear.) He was glad the accusations of base motives and bartering of public money for political support had not been repeated.

Mr. BOOTHBY said that Mr. Johnston's speech at Aberdeen in which he told the fishing industry that they could not expect to get much out of the Government unless they voted Labour was a most improper speech.

Mr. JOHNSTON said he had been accused of saying at a public meeting that they were bartering public money for political support. That statement was never made by him.

Mr. BOOTHBY.—I never said that. I said that the only implication that could apply to his speech at Aberdeen was that fishermen had not voted Labour and could not expect the same consideration as they would otherwise have got.

Mr. JOHNSTON said that the fullest report of his speech, which appeared in the *Aberdeen Press and Journal*, showed that his political references were not made when he was dealing with the fishing fund but at the end of his speech, when he was appealing for support for his party. The summarized report and the comment in another paper sought to make out that one part of his speech referred to another part altogether.

Mr. BOOTHBY said that he did not see Mr. Johnston's letter to the *Scotsman*, but he saw his letter to the *Observer*, which, along with *The Times*, had commented very strongly on the speech. In a later speech he (Mr. Boothby) had said that if what the Under-Secretary had written to the *Observer* was correct he unreservedly accepted it and withdrew his original criticism.

Mr. JOHNSTON.—I did not see that correction, and I am very glad to accept it.

The Vote was agreed to.

THE POST OFFICE VOTE

On a Supplementary Estimate for £995,000 for salaries and expenses of the Post Office, including Telegraphs and Telephones,

Mr. VIANT, Assistant Postmaster-General (Willesden, W.), said that one of the chief items was the additional provision required to meet the cost of retention of the Civil Service bonus at a cost-of-living figure of 70 for the full year, and for a heavier increase than was originally provided for in the volume of postal and telephone traffic. Additional provision amounting to £70,000 was required for the conveyance of mails by rail owing to the growth in the number of parcels being greater than was anticipated.

VISCOUNT WOLMER (Aldershot, U.) said that air mails offered the possibility of great development in the future. He hoped that part of the unforeseen expenditure had been due to the further extension of the air mail services. He would like an assurance from the Postmaster-General that he would continue the policy of his predecessor. Had the Post Office taken any steps to safeguard parcels carried by rail? He believed that a great deal of the dishonesty which was attributed to postal servants related to thefts committed on the railway, and not in the Post Office, but the responsibility of the Postmaster-General did not cease when the mails were on the trains.

LIEUT.-COL. HOWARD-BURY said there was scarcely a day when they did not hear of loss or robbery of mails somewhere. He asked

ROAD TRAFFIC BILL

POWERS OF POLICE

"EXAMINATION" OF LICENCES

The Standing Committee of the House of Commons which is considering the Road Traffic Bill held a further meeting yesterday, under the chairmanship of Sir Hugh O'Neill (Antrim, U.).

An amendment was moved by LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ASHLEY (New Forest and Christchurch, U.) to Clause 4 (which deals with licences) to provide that only a police officer in uniform, or showing his authority, should be authorised to require motorists to produce their licences. He said it was perfectly right that the obligation should be placed upon motor-drivers to produce their licences on the demand of police-constables; but they should be able to make sure that, when they were held up by people in plain clothes, they were not having tricks played upon them.

Mr. SHORT, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Home Office, said the obligation placed on motorists under the Bill to produce their licences on being so required by a police-constable involved no change of the law; it was a re-enactment of the provision of the Motor Cars Act of 1903. There had been no complaints during 26 years that civilians stopped motorists. A motorist was within his rights in asking a police officer in plain clothes who demanded the production of his licence to show his authority.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ASHLEY said he would be satisfied if he had the assurance that motorists had that right.

MAJOR GLYN (Abingdon, U.) said many women were now driving small motor-cars, and there was a risk that they might be stopped by people in plain clothes pretending to be police officers.

Mr. MORRISON, Minister of Transport, stated that Clause 4 did not compel any person to stop a motor-car; it only gave power to the police to compel production of licence. The only power to compel a driver to stop was contained in Clause 20, which dealt with dangerous and careless driving, and that power could only be exercised by a police-constable in uniform.

The amendment was rejected without a division.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS

The Committee then discussed at length an amendment moved by CAPTAIN SIR WILLIAM BRASS (Clitheroe, U.) to provide that a police-constable should be empowered only to require a motorist to produce his licence, but not to require it "for examination." He said the purpose of this proposal was to protect the motorist against having endorsements that might be on the licence for offences being seen by a police-constable. If a licence were endorsed, a police-constable who might otherwise be doubtful whether a case ought to be reported would be influenced against the motorist by knowledge of previous convictions. He asked that the provision of the Act of 1903, which only required the production of licences, should be continued.

SIR JAMES MELVILLE, Solicitor-General, said that it was true that the words "for examination" were new, and they were intended to stop up a hole in the Act of 1903. There had been cases where motorists produced licences and snatched them away before police-constables had had time to examine them.

LORD ERSKINE (Weston-super-Mare, U.), who supported the amendment, said the object of endorsing licences was that the Courts could see the endorsements; it was not the duty of police-constables to look at them. The duty of the police-constable was to see that the driver had a licence and to obtain his name and address.

MAJOR THOMAS (Birmingham, King's Norton, U.) also supported the amendment, and declared that motorists should not be treated as if they were bad criminals.

MAJOR GLYN suggested that a form of licence should be devised which would enable a police-constable to identify the driver without seeing any endorsements that might be on the licence.

SIR KENYON VAUGHAN-MORGAN (Fulham, E., U.) agreed that there was a danger that a motorist would be prejudiced in the eyes of the police by endorsements.

Mr. MORRISON said the Committee were playing an illusory drama that morning. If a driver produced his licence he was complying with the law, and the police-constable must be empowered to see that the licence corresponded with name, address, and number of the car, because the car might be a stolen one. He could not agree that a police-constable would be influenced by endorsements. The police-constable was not the person who decided whether or not a prosecution was to take place; he merely reported the case, and the decision as to prosecution or otherwise was taken by others who had access to the previous record of the motorist. When the speed limit for light cars was to be abolished, as the Bill proposed, no difficulties should be put in the way of the police in the enforcement of the law, especially in view of the fact that criminals were using motor-cars for the purposes of crime.

DISSATISFACTION

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ASHLEY expressed dissatisfaction with the Minister's statement and pointed out that every interest would be safeguarded if the police were empowered to examine licences only for identification. In border-line cases the police-constable would be unconsciously prejudiced, in deciding whether he should or should not report the case to his superior officers, by knowledge of endorsements.

After further discussion, in the course of which there was general support of the purpose of the amendment,

Mr. SHORT intimated that the Home Office and the Ministry of Transport would consider whether words could be introduced on Report stage which would meet the point of the amendment without hampering the police in their duty.

SIR WILLIAM BRASS then intimated that he would withdraw his amendment, on the distinct understanding that the clause would be so amended as to prevent police-constables seeing endorsements on licences.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. MORRISON intervened to explain that the chief constables had met on the previous day and unanimously advised that the Government should not give way on the matter of examination of licences. Neither the Minister nor the Committee could ignore a request of that kind without assuming great responsibility. The clause was not intended to enable police-constables to find out endorsements on licences. He was willing, however, to meet the views of the Committee, and he proposed that, after the work "examination" there should be inserted "so as to enable the police-constable to ascertain the name and address of the holder of the licence, the date of issue, and the authority by which it was issued."

The addition of those words was agreed to.

The Committee adjourned until Tuesday.

CHILDREN AND CANAL BOATS

PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE OPERATION OF BILL

Under the title of "A Bill to amend the Canal Boats Acts, 1877 and 1884," a measure prohibiting under heavy penalties the carrying of children under the age of 15 in any canal boats, came yesterday before a Standing Committee of the House of Commons. SIR SAMUEL ROBERTS (Ecclesall U.), presided. There were nine amendments on the paper. One of these put down by the promoters of the Bill, allowed children to reside in canal boats during school holidays, while the other would allow their presence also at week-ends during school terms.

Moving an amendment postponing the carrying into operation of the Bill, DR. VERNON DAVIES (Hoyton U.) contended that the effect of the Bill would be to drive the children from the healthy conditions of canal boat life into the immeasurably worse conditions of the slums. The children were perfectly happy and well looked after by their parents, but the promoters of the Bill appeared to be so concerned about the education of the children that they were ready to let everything else go.

SIR DONALD MACLEAN (Cornwall, N., L.) said the promoters of the Bill were willing to postpone its coming into operation until January 1, 1932, which would enable other arrangements to be made for the children. It was, after all, a very small problem.

THE DUCHESS OF ATHOLL (Kinross and West Perth, U.), who supports the Bill, informed the Committee that there were only 466 families living on canal boats without any housing accommodation ashore. She held that delay would do great injustice to a number of young people, who would be thrown on the labour market without having received any education at all.

Mr. DUKES (Warrington, Lab.), describing conditions on the boats, said that men, women, and children lived in what was little more than a soap box. As for canal boatmen training their sons for their own vocation, it was their daily prayer that their children should be able to get out of the industry.

Miss LAWRENCE, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health, said that the Minister of Health was satisfied with the proposal of the promoters of the Bill somewhat to extend the time.

The Committee decided that January 1, 1932, should be the date, and adjourned.

MENTAL TREATMENT BILL

QUESTION BY VOLUNTARY PATIENTS

The Mental Treatment Bill was further considered yesterday by Standing Committee A under the chairmanship of Mr. CECIL WILSON (Attercliffe, Lab.).

The discussion was resumed on the definition of a person who was in an intermediate stage between those who submitted themselves for voluntary treatment in an institution for certifiable lunatics.

Sir Boyd Merriman (Rusholme, U.) had proposed that such a patient should be described as one "incapable of voluntarily submitting himself to treatment."

Mr. GREENWOOD, Minister of Health, now proposed that the form of words should be "incapable of expressing himself as willing or unwilling to continue to receive treatment."

Mr. Greenwood's amendment was agreed to.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL FREMANTLE (St. Albans, U.) moved an amendment providing that a person who voluntarily entered an institution for treatment and subsequently became incapable of deciding whether he should or should not continue to receive treatment, might be retained for six months instead of one month as provided in the Bill. He also moved an amendment providing that where a patient had made a written declaration when capable of volition desiring that in the event of losing volition his status should for a period of six months remain unaltered, such declaration should be legal and binding on all concerned.

Both amendments were withdrawn.

Mr. KINLEY (Bootle, Lab.) moved to omit a subsection which laid down that the person responsible who failed to give notice to the Board of Control of the death or departure of a patient should be liable to a penalty of £5 for every day that such notice was not given.

Mr. GREENWOOD opposed the amendment, which was negatived.

Mr. R. J. RUSSELL (Eddisbury, L.) moved an amendment omitting the words under which Commissioners might at any time visit and report on voluntary boarders in institutions and providing that such visits should only be at the request of the voluntary boarder.

Mr. GREENWOOD said he could not accept the amendment, which was negatived.

The Committee adjourned until Tuesday.

SCOTTISH SMALL LANDHOLDERS BILL

The Government suffered a defeat yesterday morning during the consideration of the Scottish Small Landholders Bill, a private member's measure, in the Scottish Standing Committee of the House of Commons.

Mr. SCOTT (Kincardineshire and Western, L.), who was in charge of the Bill, moved an amendment dealing with the notice required to be given by a statutory small tenant to his landlord of his desire to exchange his tenure for that of a small landholder, which Mr. ADAMSON, Secretary of State for Scotland, declined to accept. On a division the amendment was carried by 12 votes to 10. Four Labour members voted with the Liberals for the proposal.

Clause 2, which was under discussion, provides for the conversion of statutory small tenancies into landholders' tenure. Mr. JOHNSTON, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Scotland, moved a proviso that the clause should not apply in the case of any statutory small tenant unless within one month before the expiry of the period of tenancy current at the commencement of the Act he served on the landlord written notice of his desire that it should do so. It was in reference to this proviso that Mr. Scott's amendment—which extended its operation to subsequent periods of tenancy—was carried against the Government. The proviso as amended was subsequently agreed to and Clause 2 as amended was carried by 17 votes to five.

The Committee then adjourned until Tuesday.

SHAKESPEARE BIRTHPLACE TRUST

ADDITIONAL POWERS SOUGHT BY TRUSTEES

The Shakespeare Birthplace, &c., Trust (Amendment) Bill was before the Unopposed Bills Committee of the House of Lords yesterday afternoon.

The Trustees, having purchased cottages and land adjoining Shakespeare's birthplace garden and other properties adjacent to Anne Hathaway's cottage for the purpose of accommodating their staff and preserving the amenities of the Trust estate, seek Parliamentary authority for holding and using these properties and also ask for additional powers. The powers sought include those to maintain Nash's house as a local museum for objects of Shakespearian association; to contribute to the maintenance of property associated with Shakespeare, or his family, or his period; to print, publish, and sell facsimiles or other copies of documents, pictures, or books of Shakespearian interest; to pay fees to accepted Shakespearian scholars to lecture in the borough of Stratford-upon-Avon; and to assist, financially or otherwise, any institution, festival, or scheme designed to honour Shakespeare. Provision is also made in the Bill for additional trustees, one each to be appointed by the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, London, and Birmingham.

Formal evidence was given and the Committee ordered the Bill to be reported for third reading.

DERBY AND TRACKLESS TROLLEY VEHICLES

A Select Committee of the House of Commons had under consideration yesterday the Derby Corporation Bill, the provisions of which include power to run trackless trolley vehicles along any authorized tramway route in the borough and also along routes in certain districts outside the borough in which the corporation obtained power in 1927 to run omnibus services. The latter proposal was opposed.

Mr. J. W. HOSTON, the Derbyshire county surveyor, giving evidence against the Bill, said it was considered that the existing omnibus services were adequate. The poles for trolley vehicles, in his opinion, would be dangerous to traffic. They might be safe in towns but not on country roads.

After deliberating in private the Committee decided to grant the powers asked for within the borough and on six of the 12 proposed outside routes.

EXTENSION OF BOURNEMOUTH

The Bill promoted by the Bournemouth Corporation to obtain power to extend the boundaries of the borough by the inclusion of the parishes of Kinson and Holdenhurst was further considered by the Local Legislation Committee of the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. JAMES BURT, chairman of Kinson Parish Council, gave evidence in support of the Bill. Answering questions in cross-examination, he said the rateable value of the parish of Kinson was £33,000, and that was 54 per cent. of the whole rateable value of the rural district of Kinson.

The REV. A. M. SHARP, vicar of Kinson, who also supported the Bill, gave evidence as to deficiencies in school accommodation and in sanitary arrangements in the village. He said the movement for inclusion in the borough came from Kinson and not from Bournemouth.

The Committee adjourned until Tuesday.

LANCASHIRE COTTON CORPORATION

ABSORPTION OF MILLS

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

MANCHESTER, MARCH 6

The number of cotton mills which are now being absorbed by the Lancashire Cotton Corporation, Limited, is 84, containing 8,000,000 equivalent spindles. Offers have been made for a further 42 mills containing 4,000,000 spindles.

All existing offers which have not been accepted by the mill company by March 31, or are not at present the subject of close negotiation between the interested parties, will, it is announced by the corporation to-day, cease to hold good after the date mentioned. New offers made after that date will be on a new basis. The schedule of valuation used by the valuers of the corporation in estimating the value of the fixed assets of any mill under negotiation has now been in force for 12 months and will be withdrawn. It is about to be revised to make allowance for one year's depreciation, and the new basis, when arrived at, will be applied in fresh negotiations during the present year.

F.B.I. DEPUTATION TO MR. SNOWDEN

METHODS OF ALLEVIATING TAXATION

A deputation from the Federation of British Industries, led by Mr. Lennox B. Lee, the retiring president, was received by Mr. Snowden at the Treasury yesterday morning. It put before the Chancellor of the Exchequer the views of industry on certain aspects of taxation. The F.B.I. representatives did not raise, as Mr. Snowden when he spoke in the House of Commons on Tuesday anticipated would be done, the question of the artificial silk duties, and the main purpose of the deputation was to point out some directions in which a measure of alleviation of taxation might be secured.

Mr. LEE said that industry could not, from indications given by the Chancellor, hope for any lessening of the general burden of taxation. He put forward, however, the matter of depreciation, including obsolescence, of plant and machinery. Under modern conditions, he pointed out, the amount of depreciation could be estimated within a comparatively narrow margin of accuracy. The present rates of depreciation allowances were in most cases highly inadequate to meet actual wastage, as was shown by the fact that the great majority of manufacturers provided a larger amount for wear and tear in their own accounts than was allowed for income-tax purposes. Obsolescence was equally important, especially at a time when rationalization was proceeding so rapidly and when much plant and machinery was being scrapped and not necessarily replaced. The F.B.I. suggested that the law should be amended to remove the condition that replacement was necessary before allowance could be made for income-tax purposes.

Mr. Lee made a number of further suggestions on points of technical detail, and also with regard to allowances for certain inherently wasting assets. The submission of the F.B.I., he said, was that an allowance should be granted to such wasting assets as mineral deposits, surface workings, permanent way and tramway equipment, docks, and shaft sinkings.

Mr. SNOWDEN, it is stated, received the deputation sympathetically and showed much interest in several of the points put before him.

THE ENTERTAINMENT TAX

Mr. Snowden also received yesterday a deputation from the Entertainments Tax Abolition League. This included representatives of the Society of West End Theatre Managers, the Theatrical Managers' Association, the Entertainments Protection Association, and the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association. It was headed by Mr. Walter Payne, who emphasized the fact that Mr. Snowden had granted the only remission so far (in 1924), and explained how that had benefited the industry.

Mr. SNOWDEN told the deputation that he would gladly sweep away the entertainment tax if and when the state of the country's finance allowed him to do so. They would not expect him to make any definite statement in advance of the Budget with regard to the matters they had placed before him.

He pointed out, however, that the position of the Exchequer was by no means so favourable to-day as it was six years ago.

CAPITAL AND LABOUR

SIR A. DUCKHAM'S APPEAL FOR CO-PARTNERSHIP

Sir Arthur Duckham, the chief guest at the monthly luncheon of the Industrial Co-Partnership Association at the Holborn Restaurant yesterday, spoke on "Co-partnership in Industry." Lord Astor presided.

SIR ARTHUR DUCKHAM said that true co-partnership in industry would certainly raise the country from its industrial depression and carry it forward to prosperity. The old feeling between Capital and Labour that the one was trying to get the better of the other must first be eradicated in favour of a policy of mutual exchanges of confidence and information showing the actual profits firms were making. Employers criticized high wages under trade union conditions; manual workers talked about the wickedness of capitalism. It was not the amount of wages paid that mattered; the services obtained for those wages were the important factor. He did not think wages could ever be too high if they were earned. If, instead of attacking wages, an employer would assure himself that the services of his workmen were being used most efficiently, there would be fewer complaints of bad business.

Technical advances, reconditioning of works, and the cutting out of wasteful overhead costs, which were proceeding in Britain, would be of little avail without the closest cooperation between all concerned in industry. Co-partnership showed the way, but it must be accompanied by some form of profit-sharing to make the worker feel that he was not an isolated unit of business. Practically every class of industry must be considered on its own lines, but the benefit of profit-sharing was undoubted. The peculiar conditions in the coal industry, with its underground workings and the isolated responsibility of the hewer at the face, and the great difficulty of supervision, made it more essential that co-partnership should exist in this industry than in any other. The Coal Bill before Parliament contained nothing to indicate that the workers were going to be brought closely into the general conduct of the industry.

LORD ASTOR said he was optimist enough to think that the Naval Conference would succeed. If representatives of nations several thousands of miles apart could come together for agreement, it should be still easier for representatives of industries in the same country to come together for a co-partnership agreement.

MUSICAL COPYRIGHT BILL

PERFORMING RIGHT SOCIETY CRITICIZED

Mr. Walter Payne gave evidence yesterday on behalf of the Entertainments Protection Association and the Society of West End Theatre Managers before a Select Committee of the House of Commons which is considering the Musical Copyright Bill.

The association, he said, believed that the suggested fee would in many cases afford composers and publishers remuneration inadequate for the artistic value of their works, although for much "popular" music it might be too high. The right to manufacture records did not include the right publicly to perform the music of such records. His association did not seek, to avoid payment of reasonable fees for the performance of music nor to deprive composers or authors of their copyright. The general objection to the present system was that the Performing Right Society had a monopoly; and in his view it would be desirable that there should be some sort of control over it. He would suggest control by some independent tribunal appointed by the President of the Board of Trade.

The entertainment industry desired to rid itself of the autocratic methods, the demands, and the exactions of the Performing Right Society which the Act of 1911 permitted the society to make. With regard to the methods of the society, his association desired to instance the consistent refusal of the society to publish any list of the work the performing rights of which the society claimed to own and to give information on the subject of individual works, which it stated it possessed, on the alleged ground that such a list would be too voluminous and too costly, requiring constant revision and alteration. The method by which fees for performing rights at variety theatres was arrived at was that the society had said: "These are our terms; unless you take them we shall not give you the right to perform our music. We shall not tell you what our music is, and if you do perform our music we will involve you in litigation resulting in heavy costs." The fees paid to the society amounted to £301 17s. 6d. in 1914-15 and to £760 19s. in 1929-30.

Mr. Thomas Ormiston, giving evidence on behalf of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association of Great Britain and Ireland, which has a membership of 3,450 cinemas, said that the Bill dealt only partially with the problem which faced cinemas as users of performing right. The annual fees paid by the members of the association to the Performing Right Society had steadily increased from £1,800 to £11,490.

His association suggested that a register of performing right should be available, and that machinery should be created so that all performing right fees could be collected by one central society, but there should be the right of appeal to a tribunal either appointed ad hoc or by some such body as the Board of Trade or an official such as the Comptroller-General of Patents.

The committee adjourned until Wednesday.

MR. CHURCHILL ON "FOOD TAXES"

REFERENDUM AND EMPIRE UNITY

Mr. Churchill has addressed the following letter to his constituents:—

I must draw the attention of my friends in West Essex to the extremely important declaration upon the question of Empire trade made by the Leader of the Conservative Party on Tuesday morning at the meeting of the Council of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations.

I have always been opposed to protective taxation of food for the purpose of uniting the British Empire, because it seemed to me that any such policy if imposed by a single party—itself perhaps not commanding a majority of the electorate—would be liable to violent reversals most dangerous to Imperial concord. When such an issue as "food taxation" is mixed up with the ordinary processes of electioneering and the desire of one set of men to turn another set out of Parliament, it is impossible that it should receive fair consideration. The unity of the Empire would be brought into the whirlpool of party politics instead of being lifted above our domestic quarrels. For these reasons alone I could not ask my constituents at the next election—which may conceivably be near—for authority to vote in the next Parliament for protective taxes upon food.

But the course which Mr. Baldwin has now proposed commands my earnest support. The policy of the Conservative Party is that if, and when, we obtain power we shall call a conference representative of all parts of the Empire at which food duties in return for reciprocal advantages to our manufacturing exports will be discussed in perfect freedom. If a good plan results from the labours of this conference, it will be submitted by a referendum to the direct vote of the whole electorate, who will then be able to adopt it or reject it. In the meanwhile no one who votes for Conservative candidates at the next election will be committed to the protective taxation of food, and no such taxes will be imposed unless the whole people by a majority decide, on a fair consideration of a draft treaty with the rest of the Empire, that it will be for their general advantage to have such duties.

It seems to me that this is not only the best way, but the only way of effectively advancing towards the economic or fiscal unity of the Empire. It liberates the cause that we all have at heart from the thraldom of party strife and raises it to the high platform of a national appeal. It enables all the energies and enthusiasms evoked by Lord Beaverbrook's campaign to be directed upon the goal without weakening or dividing those strong Conservative forces upon whose unity the life and peace of our island depends. It enables us all to stand together against the grievous attack to which we may at no distant date be subjected by the subversive and disintegrating forces in our midst. It must be plain that if England is to maintain her position in the gigantic modern world and provide a livelihood for all her people, she can only do so as the centre of a world-wide Empire whose parts are increasingly woven together, not only by allegiance to the Crown and the romance of history, but by the ever-developing habit and apparatus of mutual trade. There are no limits which should be prescribed for the fruition of such a policy so long as it is founded upon the national will.

Here at home the success of safeguarding in the carefully selected industries to which it has been applied justifies its extension freely to industries of all kinds, each case being judged on its merits without artificial restrictions by the responsible Government of the day and submitted to the House of Commons. The vast and almost universal discouragement of producers which is the main feature of our present distresses requires immediate correction. I endeavoured to aid productive industry by the relief of rates and good results have flowed therefrom. But a positive stimulus is needed by many trades in order that they may secure the immense advantages which flow under modern conditions from the highest forms of scientific and mass production. The next Unionist Government must be free to deal with all these issues on their merits and to present their proposals to Parliament unfettered.

The proceeds of new safeguarding duties and also of revenue duties upon finished or nearly finished manufactured foreign imports may be used to give a measure of security to British agriculture. It is intolerable that the farmer should discharge the needed functions of raising crops from our fields without receiving the humblest recompense for his toil. I must not here anticipate the statements to be made by our leader shortly upon this subject further than to say that procedure by way of minimum guarantee for certain crops and the prohibition, or import under licence, of subsidized or dumped foodstuffs must be our main immediate remedies for agricultural distress.

Our party has been going through a period of mental and moral stress. The results are now clarifying themselves both in internal and external affairs. These results may seem to lend a new significance to the name of "Unionist" which of late years has fallen into disuse. Conservatives, or Unionists, are those who are resolved faithfully to strive for the union of all classes to rebuild our prosperity at home, and for that wider union of all parts of the British Empire so that it may stand and grow for ever "Second to none."

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE EMPIRE

SURVEY IN "THE TRADE SUPPLEMENT"

In view of the problems to be discussed at the forthcoming Imperial Conference a series of articles beginning in to-day's issue of *The Times Trade and Engineering Supplement* are of special interest. The articles, written by Professor A. W. Kirkaldy, will present a broad survey of economic conditions in the British self-governing Dominions.

In the first, the writer discusses Australia, compares it with the United States of America, which is of about equal size, and takes stock of the qualities and possibilities of land and race in either country in order to try to gauge the extent to which the Commonwealth may hope to develop into a self-supporting unit. He draws attention to the fact that America, from the agricultural, mineral, and climatic points of view, enjoys advantages over Australia. The different mentality of the American people is also alluded to, and it is pointed out that compared with his contemporary the Australian worker is keen enough to obtain big wages, but does not seem equally inclined to help in earning them; hence the higher production costs in the Commonwealth and continual labour strife. On the question of economic policy, Professor Kirkaldy states that the thought arises: would not Australia as well as Great Britain tend to gain by agreeing to a policy which would lessen the obstacles to freer circulation of goods and population throughout the Empire? A free trade Empire, he adds, may not be practical politics at present, but the possible effect of a wisely considered advance towards it by means of agreement is already shown by the results obtained from preference.

The Times Trade and Engineering Supplement is not published as part of *The Times*, but is on sale to-day separately, price 3d., and is obtainable from all newsagents and bookstalls. The annual subscription is 17s. 4d., post free at home or abroad.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

CIVIL ESTIMATES FOR 1930

A White Paper issued yesterday gave details of the Civil Estimates in Class I. (Central Government and Finance) for the year ending March 31, 1931 (Stationery Office, price 1s. 6d. net). The net total estimate is £2,005,733, an increase of £143,346.

The cost of the House of Lords' offices is shown as £53,841, a decrease of £22. The estimate of the House of Commons, £357,162, shows an increase of £8,974. Salaries and allowances to members have increased by £9,980 to £229,100, and travelling expenses have increased by £1,000 to £35,500. There is a saving in officers' salaries and allowances and an additional £4,000 is expected in fees on private and provisional order Bills and taxation of costs.

Expenses under the Representation of the People Acts amount to £255,000, an increase of £5,000. Treasury and subordinate departments account for £329,609, an increase of £13,356. The Privy Seal Office increases by £9,914 to £22,784. For Government hospitality there is a grant of £36,000, an increase of £12,000. Royal Commissions increase by £12,780 to £50,000. The Secret Service will need £180,000, the same sum as last year. The Scottish Office takes £74,743, an increase of £16,197.

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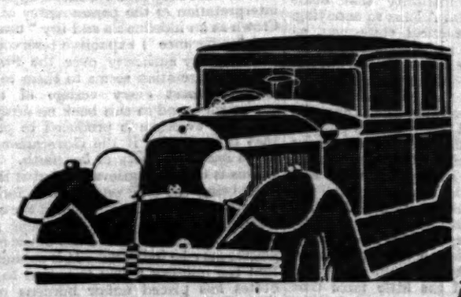

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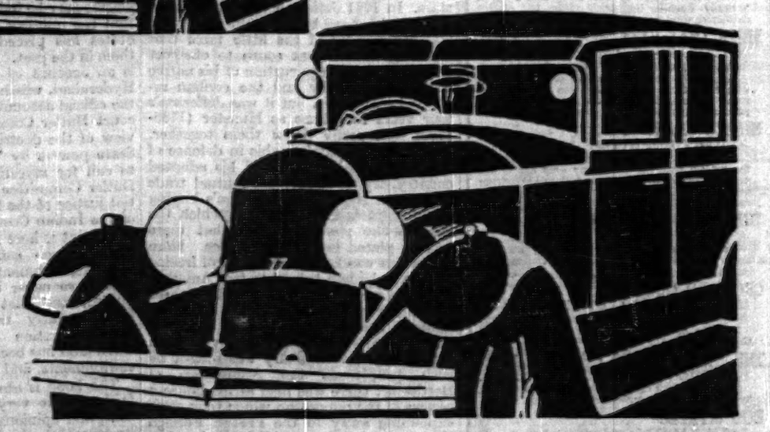

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JEFFERSON AND LAFAYETTE

A LONG FRIENDSHIP

THE LETTERS OF LAFAYETTE AND JEFFERSON. With an Introduction and Notes by GILBERT CHINARD. (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press. London: Humphrey Milford. 38s. net.)

Professor Chinard has chosen for the first volume of the "Johns Hopkins Studies in International Thought" a correspondence of great intrinsic interest and one which illustrates admirably two national points of view. Though profoundly impressed by his experiences in the American Revolution, Lafayette remained till the end of his long life a typical French aristocrat of the enthusiastic generation that preceded the Revolution, naively hopeful in his attitude to politics, proud of his public fame and virtue. On the other hand, Jefferson was as irredeemably American as Lafayette was French. Interested in all new intellectual movements, fond of France and the French, with none of that overbearing sense of moral superiority that made Americans like John Adams so annoying, he was still a practical statesman, as astute a politician as Lincoln, and an incomparable master of fine phrases but not a victim to them. There were, of course, other differences, the chief being that Jefferson was a great man while Lafayette was merely a good one, and it is possible to suspect that Lafayette was not always taken at his own high estimation. Nevertheless, there was a deep friendship and respect between the two men, and few correspondences of 45 years' duration leave a better impression.

The friendship began under inauspicious stars. In 1781 Jefferson was Governor of Virginia, harassed by invasion. Lafayette was commander of the little force that Washington had sent south to obstruct the invasion and destruction of his native State. The soldier and the civilian respected each other, but it was Jefferson's four years in France as Minister (1785-1789) that really threw them together. Lafayette was indefatigable in defence of the commercial interests of his adopted country, trying to increase mutual trade and rather shocked at Jefferson's buying plated harness in England, to which the business-like planter replied that there was no plated harness in France. More important was Lafayette's hope of freeing France as he had helped to free America. Jefferson gave cautious support to these plans, and with the year '89 the American Minister became an important figure in French domestic politics; his advice as an experienced revolutionary was sought by such people as the Archbishop of Bordeaux; there was held at his house a caucus of the opposition which took some explaining away to the French Foreign Minister, and Jefferson obligingly sketched a "Charter of Rights" which had some part in the phrasing and content of the "Declaration of the Rights of Man." Despite his sympathy with Lafayette, Jefferson took a very moderately optimistic view of the chances of establishing free institutions and was willing to move very slowly, not to disregard history and not to attempt to establish a perfect State at once. He was not fated to see the justification of his caution, for he was made Secretary of State by Washington, and left France for ever (September, 1789).

The next few years altered the relative situations of the two friends: Lafayette was soon an exile, a prisoner of the Austrians in Olmutz; Jefferson was rising higher and higher in his own country. Washington, Jefferson, and other Americans did their best to get Lafayette out of gaol and, after he was out, to recompense him for his financial services to the United States. By 1801 Jefferson was President, anxious and able to help. He secured from Congress an extension of time in which Lafayette could claim his share of land grants made to Revolutionary soldiers. After the Louisiana purchase, he saw that the lands were secured near New Orleans, where they were likely to increase in value, and when he discovered that the land available was insufficient to justify a grant according to the law, with the skill of a frontier lawyer he suggested that by surveying a portion of a lake this difficulty could be got round. Jefferson was anxious to bring Lafayette to America and wanted to make him governor of Louisiana, but Lafayette stayed on in France, an object of suspicion to Napoleon, telling his hopes and fears to his friend and receiving sound advice and practical help.

When Jefferson went out of office in 1809 he had more time for correspondence, and we have abundant evidence of his views on European politics. The excesses of the French Revolution were the fault of the extremists, and their and the world's punishment was Bonaparte, whom Jefferson loathed. It is an amusing alteration of the usual charge to find Jefferson comparing the New England Federalists to Marat and Robespierre! The restoration of the Bourbons was seen very differently by Jefferson and Lafayette. To the Frenchman it was the return of the old régime, to the American as good a government as could be expected in a State which had in it the *canaille* of Paris instead of the sound yeomen of America. Fifty years to a day after he had announced the birth of the United States to a candid world, Jefferson died (July 4, 1826), but not before he had seen his old friend again during Lafayette's American apotheosis.

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GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

SCRAPS OF PAPER: INDIA'S BROKEN TREATIES, HER PRINCES, AND THE PROBLEM. By A. P. NICHOLSON. (Benn. 21s. net.)

This book is an extremely able summary of the major political grievances, past and present, of the Indian Princes. The evidence from the archives of the States which was given *in camera* before the Harcourt Butler Committee was placed at Mr. Nicholson's disposal, and many remarkable facts are now made public or readily accessible for the first time. The publication is opportune. British India is at a critical stage, and if any new régime is to have a chance of permanence it is important that no considerable political factor in the sub-continent should harbour a rankling sense that its grievances have not been fairly heard and dealt with. After last week's debates in the Chamber of Princes it would be idle to deny that the Princes are profoundly dissatisfied with the Harcourt Butler Report. They welcome some of its recommendations, and especially its declaration that their relations are with the Crown; but they have a lively apprehension of what may follow from its apparent interpretation of the paramountcy of the Crown as an indefinable and (by "usage" and "sufferance") expansive reservoir of discretionary authority over the States. This interpretation seems to them to endanger almost every vestige of their sovereignty, and in this book an array of historical evidence is produced to prove that in acting on it the Government of India has been guilty of bad faith.

This is the main grievance, but it is far from being the only one. Space forbids an attempt to sketch even one of the complicated historical questions here presented, but the nature of a few of the complaints may be indicated. It is submitted that the military policy in regard to the States has placed unfair burdens upon them in the past. Among the illustrations is an account of the Berar Treaty with Hyderabad, which differs materially from the official accounts accepted by the Harcourt Butler Committee and which, in view of the doctrine of the limitation of State powers by "usage," would appear to call for investigation. The Harcourt Butler Committee admitted the substantial justice of the States' claim to a share of the Indian Customs revenues; but the complaint is here made that, historically, States which suffered heavily through the establishment of the salt monopoly have never been adequately reimbursed, and that the States have also been unfairly treated in respect of the diminution of their jurisdictions when land has been required for railways, cantonments, and residences.

The book is obviously written in good faith and it very fairly presents many facts and opinions which do not support its general thesis. Nevertheless, there does exist another side to the shield. The author relies entirely for the legal position upon the opinion which was drawn up at the request of the Ruling Princes by Sir Leslie Scott and other eminent counsel, and which was published as an appendix to the Butler Report. That opinion took a very limited view of the powers transferred in paramountcy, and left all residuary sovereignty with the Princes; but it is possible also to take a less static view of the nature of law as such, and to hold that the transfer of responsibility for external relations and for internal and external security involved the cession of a body of legal powers which could not remain static but must be extended by "usage" to new fields. The matter is at least debatable. Much interference with the States has been the result of famine, and even the least justifiable zeal of officers of the Political Department has been prompted by humanitarian motives. The role of a spectator of inefficient or unwise government—and what State in the world has ever been perfectly governed?—is one of the most difficult for a zealous officer to play, and it is easy in the contracted horizon of an Indian State to forget the broader maxims of policy, such as the supreme value of good faith, or the reflection that the Princes were largely instrumental in saving India at the time of the Mutiny, and may do so again.

SHELLEY AND HARRIET

SHELLEY'S LOST LETTERS TO HARRIET. Edited, with an Introduction, by LESLIE HOTSON. (Faber and Faber. 7s. 6d. net.)

The interest of this book (which is published to-day) lies in Dr. Leslie Hotson's discovery. It was he who about five years ago found in the Record Office the papers giving the truth about the death of Christopher Marlowe. Recently he has found the certified copies of some letters written by Shelley to his first wife, Harriet Westbrook, for which others have searched in vain and which were generally believed to be lost. The credit due to him is none the less because he was not looking for these letters when he hit on the clue to them. Had not his mind been retentive enough and alert enough to catch the importance of an entry in an index: "Shelley v. Westbrooke," he would have overrun his quarry. He turned up the papers and found the lost letters. In the book before us he prints them, with connecting links of narrative and comment.

Harriet Shelley committed suicide in the summer of 1816. After her death her father and her sister Eliza instituted proceedings in the Court of Chancery to settle the custody of her two children by Shelley. In this action they put in, among other evidence which they hoped would injure Shelley's character, certain letters which Shelley had written to his wife after their separation. The originals had probably been returned to the solicitors of the Westbrooks. What Dr. Hotson has found is the certified copies of these letters preserved for the use of counsel and of the Master in Chancery whom the Court appointed to decide on a plan for the maintenance and education of the children.

To those who, through sufficient study of his life, his letters, and his poems, are able to "see Shelley plain," the letters now for the first time published will have a melancholy interest. They add nothing to the facts previously known; but they show, with pathetic force, the young reformer's extraordinary mixture of wrong-headedness and goodness; of pomposity and tenderness; of innocence and astuteness. The letters are as rich in ideal truths and lofty morals as they are poor in humour and in plain human sympathy. It is for this reason that we do not like to think of this volume falling into the hands of those who know too little of Shelley to put these letters in their proper place in his development. But should they be made occasion for scoffing and scandal, that will not be Dr. Hotson's fault. His narrative is just and sympathetic; and his appendices fill out the story in a manner for which all his readers, no matter how well informed before, will be grateful.

SHORTER NOTICES

POLITICS, TRAVEL, HISTORY

Lieutenant-Commander Geoffrey Rawson's EARL BEATTY (Jarrolds, 12s. 6d. net) is stated by the publishers to be the first biography of that eminent sailor. The author gives us an account of the early part of Lord Beatty's remarkable career and tells us how it nearly came to an end through his refusal of an appointment in 1910. Indeed, he would probably have retired had not Mr. Winston Churchill, who became First Lord towards the end of 1911, appointed him his Naval Secretary against the advice of the Admiralty. From that moment he never looked back, and his subsequent career is well known. In writing this biography the author has not had access to private letters or documents, and, as he explains in his preface, the book was produced without the knowledge or authority of Lord Beatty himself. The book, therefore, contains few of those personal touches or anecdotes which help a reader to understand the personality and private character of its subject. At the same time, it is a competent and simply written compilation which presents a fair and unbiased estimate of one of the greatest of our modern sailors.

Mr. L. E. Neame, a South African journalist, has written an admiring though critical study of GENERAL HERTZOG (Hurst and Blackett, 18s. net). He shows the differences not only in outlook but in nature between General Hertzog and General Smuts, which led to their long duel in public life. General Hertzog's triumph is possible, he finds, because "he is the embodiment of that rather narrow and exclusive Nationalism which is, for a time at least, the dominant force in so many countries." By early training as well as by temperament, he says, Hertzog became a man of narrow vision. But he is not really anti-British: "he is so intensely pro-South African that there are times when he appears to be anti-every other country." He says less to-day about complete independence, because he claims that it has been achieved. Mr. Neame points to one effect Hertzogism has had upon history: the vision of a great United States of South Africa has faded since it triumphed, for it is a faith that makes no converts beyond the borders of the Union.

Mr. C. S. Ranga Iyer, a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly, and author of "Father India," in which he replied to Miss Mayo's revelations, states the case of the Nationalists who demand Dominion status for India in INDIA: PEACE OR WAR? (Harrap, 7s. 6d. net). He declares that young India is prepared to fight if the demand is not granted. What is asked for is first, provincial autonomy and simultaneous substantial responsibility in the Central Government; second, Home Rule in British India, including control of the Army; third, Dominion status for the whole of India—British India and the Native States—under the control of a Central All-Indian Supreme Parliament. He threatens that if England is not prepared to grant the first stage forthwith she must "prepare for trouble and more trouble, beginning with India's boycott of British goods, leading to an early economic collapse, and culminating in repeated efforts at a complete overthrow of the British *Raj* in India."

As a prelude to the Naval Conference were the addresses made by the Prime Minister during his visit to the United States, and they must be taken into account in any history of that Conference. They are collected in AMERICAN SPEECHES, by J. Ramsay MacDonald (Cape, 3s. 6d. net). General Dawes, the United States Ambassador, says in a preface that it was universally agreed by all classes of the American public that Mr. MacDonald had "voiced the high aspirations for peace of the two English-speaking peoples in the way that they themselves desired. This in itself is the greatest tribute that could be paid to the addresses." As an appendix to the volume is the text of the joint statement of the President and the Prime Minister.

AFRICA'S LAST EMPIRE, by Hermann Norden (Witherby, 15s. net), tells the story of a journey through Abyssinia to Lake Tana and the country of the Falasha. It was a quiet enough journey, but Mr. Norden has an appreciative eye for the vivid contrasts the country affords in people, customs, and scenery. He explains the vigilant regard the Ethiopian maintains over his independence and his suspicion of the European. Ras Tafari, against great odds within and without his kingdom, is striving to increase the progress made by Menelik. He holds the ideal of an unconquered, self-governing Abyssinia, and, "with the rest of Africa for object lesson, he knows that peaceful penetration in the guise of commercial and industrial development is not less threatening than would be an army with rifles and artillery. It is comprehensible that the ruler of Africa's last empire should be alert and wary."

It would be thought difficult to write a book on British ships and seamen from a new aspect. But Mr. G. A. Gollock has made an interesting contribution to the literature of the sea by describing an important and neglected phase. AT THE SIGN OF THE FLYING ANGEL (Longmans, 5s. net) is a book about the sailor at the coastline, where landsmen and seamen meet and exports and imports are exchanged. Mr. Gollock takes the reader under the flag of the Flying Angel, known to sailors throughout the world as the symbol of the Missions to Seamen, whose work has a noble place in maritime history.

Mr. John E. Hutton, in FISHING WAYS AND FISHING DAYS (Witherby, 10s. 6d. net), comes to the aid of anglers with hints and suggestions for the pursuit of the migratory fish commonly found in British waters. He is a fisherman of great experience, and there should be particular gratitude for his description of his methods of catching salmon in low water.

A history of Canada of much value because of its array of the out-of-the-way details a formal history would avoid has been written by Mr. Charles H. Mackintosh, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of the Canadian North-West Territories. This is called CHRONICLES OF CANADA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE: Commemorating Sixty Years of Confederation, and is published at Ottawa. The work is generously illustrated.

SOME NEW BOOKS

SHELLEY'S LAST LETTERS TO HARRIET. Edited by Leslie Hotson. (Faber and Faber. 7s. 6d. n.)

HUMAN SPEECH. By Sir Richard Paget. (Kegan Paul. 25s. n.)

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SALMON AND SEA TROUT. By W. L. Calderwood. (Arnold. 12s. 6d. n.)

A BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER OF PETERHOUSE MEN. Part II. By Thomas Alfred Walker. (Cambridge University Press. 42s. n.)

RUGBY SCHOOL. By G. H. Bettinson. (Rugby School. 21s. n.)

FICTION:

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MANUFACTURERS AND EMPIRE TRADE

The National Union of Manufacturers have decided to call a public meeting of manufacturers, under the chairmanship of Mr. George Terrell, president of the union, at the Central Hall, Westminster, on March 13, at 3 p.m., when the following resolution will be proposed by Mr. L. S. Amery, M.P., and seconded by Sir Herbert Austin (Austin Motor Company, Limited):—

That this meeting of manufacturers, representative of the industries of this country and Northern Ireland, desires to urge upon H.M. Government:—(a) As a practical means of reducing unemployment—(1) The importance of extending and fostering Empire trade by preferential duties and by such other means as may be found effective, and with this object in view to take the opportunity of the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference to hold an unrestricted discussion with the Dominions and Colonies on the extent to which practical effect can be given to this policy. (2) The necessity for imposing considered duties on manufactured foreign articles. (3) The disastrous effect upon unemployment of our existing system of unilateral free imports.

Sir Robert Horne, M.P., will propose and Brigadier-General Sir William Alexander, M.P., will second a resolution:—

That this meeting of representative manufacturers of Great Britain and Northern Ireland assembled under the auspices of the National Union of Manufacturers at the Central Hall, London, desires to enter its protest against any suggestion of withdrawing the McKenna, silk, sugar, and safeguarding duties now in operation, being convinced that such an action would not only be most injurious to the industries concerned, but would gravely affect our home and export trade, and result in increased unemployment. It is further resolved to convey the terms of this resolution to his Majesty's Government.

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Last October the Royal Commission on the Civil Service announced that any association or organization or person who desired to submit evidence to the Commission should apply to the secretary (Broadway-buildings, Westminster, S.W.), who would give information as to the procedure to be followed. Intending witnesses have been informed that the procedure adopted by the Commission is to require each witness to submit a written statement setting out in full the evidence which it is desired to lay before the Commission.

Associations, organizations, or persons desiring to submit evidence to the Commission are now informed that all written statements must be submitted to the secretary of the Commission at the address given above not later than June 30.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

THE QUEEN'S ALBUMS AT THE LONDON MUSEUM

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

The Queen, who has long been among the most generous and recurrent benefactors of the London Museum, has placed on loan at Lancaster House a series of Royal Family albums. The seven volumes, now to be seen in the Main Hall, contain a collection of Christmas and New Year cards received by Queen Mary herself and by the King between 1872 and the end of last year. While their principal interest no doubt lies in the happy relations shown to exist between branches of the Royal Family and the tastes exhibited by its members, the albums illustrate excellently the changes made in the design of such greeting-cards during more than half a century.

Floral and angelic subjects predominate in the earlier volumes. Ingenious patterned designs from Germany unfold to produce umbrella-like bushes of blossoms; Christmas trees emerge from Santa Claus's sack, villages and pinewoods stand out in terraces of cardboard, cottages open and display their inmates. The Queen's mother, the Duchess of Teck, had a habit of giving her daughter playful greeting cards, especially those "voiced" New Year cards which squeaked when the pasteboard was pinched. At 12 years old Queen Mary received a "voiced" robin, when she was 13 a flock of geese which quacked from their card. The Duchess a few years later took to small floral designs instead, but the Queen's father remained fairly faithful to one general subject, groups of children in oleograph romping together—juvenile "Conversation pieces," as they might be described.

In 1888 and 1890, 10 years after the robin and the geese, we find the preponderance of flowers in the albums lessened. Martial subjects, with uniformed cavalry and foot have by this time become common, perhaps because the King's part in the collection is reaching prominence. Queen Alexandra, however, chooses her son pictures and poems of a devotional character, while for 1890 his future wife sends "Dear Georgie, from his very affectionate cousin May," a simple pictorial design of the Western hemisphere to wish him "all the happiness and joy the world can give you." The vogue for "terraced" cards had not yet died out, and in 1895 Queen Mary (then Duchess of York) was still receiving *putti* whose cherub-heads telescoped forwards from the back of the card. Puns, too, were in fashion, and a Royal card with a wish for "good four-tune" has the miniature scores of four popular songs pasted to it. A rare intruder comes from June, 1896, when the 87th birthday of Sir Henry Keppel was celebrated by a dinner at the Marlborough Club. King George evidently attended this, and kept the menu with a signed photograph of the fine old man pasted alongside. The year 1900 is greeted characteristically by the ex-Kaiser with a representation of a German cruiser dominating the Bay of Naples. Prints of new German battleships and Imperial yachts are for a time sent by him annually, and the series is interrupted only in favour of water-colour landscapes done by his own hand.

A number of holographed greetings from Queen Victoria are to be found in a separate volume, written in almost every case on the back of a large thick piece of pasteboard covered on the front with some floral reproduction. The message is commonly brief, but the appearance of heather on the card for New Year, 1892, reminds the Queen to assure her "Dear May Teck" that these flowers come from the Highlands: "May they bring you good luck and many blessings." A year before the death of the late Duke of Clarence, his younger brother, now King George, received from him the most unconventional of the cards represented in this period. A water-colour sketch (evidently by the sender) represents three caricatured sportsmen: "Nimrod, Ramrod, and Fishing-rod."

CHANGE OF DESIGNS

After 1900 the character of the designs almost wholly changes. Queen Alexandra, it is true, continues to choose for her personal messages of affection (many of them very touching) printed pictorial cards which convey, as a rule in verse, the conventional sentiments popular in the preceding century. But among the Royal Family generally, photographs and individual designs are springing into favour. King Edward, seldom represented, sends a silhouette of himself from Marienbad in 1907. Another album gives a large family group taken in the country shortly before his death. Meanwhile a new generation had become noticeable. Prince Albert (the present Duke of York) enlivens the New Year of 1904 by colouring a postcard of the Round Tower at Windsor Castle, and painting a red bordered flag above the turret, containing his own name, "Bertie."

A piece of the pierced cardboard which provided Edwardian children with "recreative embroidery" is used by Prince George in 1906 to pick out a silk bear for his parents, while in 1907 his small hand paints some rather sketchy foliage. Prince Henry (the Duke of Gloucester) greets them in 1906 with a crayon drawing of a house done on brown cartridge paper, but a year later he has outlined in the same "recreative embroidery" a bunch of apples and pears. About the same time a postcard of the Crown Prince Olav of Norway (a small child on skis) comes to thank "Dear Uppie Georgie" for a present.

The Prince of Wales, who sends for 1912 a plain card with the arms of his Oxford college, Magdalen, is represented by a series which gives some record of his travels—with his regiment to France and Italy, round the world in the Renown, and on *safari* in Africa. The younger Princes soon come to be represented by cards of their ships and regiments, and from the outbreak of War Queen Alexandra's cards bear flags and messages relating to the campaigns. The cards of various battalions, hospitals, nurses, and old friends and servants begin to take a more noticeable place. In 1916 (when the Duke of York writes on a plain naval card from Portsmouth regretting that duty prevents him from returning home for Christmas), the patients and staff of "Your Majesty's Hospital at Ranelagh" send a beaming group of convalescent soldiers, while Lady Ripon writes on her card "It is so very kind of your Majesties to go to the hospital on Christmas Day." A few French cards are included here, notably a delightful series of woodcuts of "Le bon Anglais," while for 1918 Queen Mary receives from some citizen of Pennsylvania a pen-and-ink drawing of an imaginary girl with the message: "To a Great Queen just a little thot [*sic*] Merry Xmas, God bless you."

All through the volumes curiosities have evidently been singled out by her Majesty, from a wooden label which was a souvenir of the Paris Exhibition of 1878 down to the greeting sent to the Prince of Wales a few months back in indecipherably minute characters written on a grain of rice. But there is a noticeable growth in simplicity, informality, and artistry among the cards of the past 15 years. Household and other regiments continue to send their dutiful greetings, and such old friends of the Royal Family as Archbishop Lord Davidson and Lord Stamfordham have their good wishes preserved beside those of the Princes. Photographs of homes and families come from the Duke of Connaught, Lady Patricia Ramsay, the Earl of Athlone, and other near relatives. Princess Mary, too, sends some remarkably fine views of Goldsborough Hall photographed by herself. Occasionally the taste of the senders is shown in the reproduction of some painting or engraving of great charm. Notable among these is Princess Victoria's colour-block of Kensington Palace sent for Christmas 1924, and the Prince of Wales's card for 1926, which shows the changing of the Guard at St. James's Palace in the 18th century.

One of the last cards is that which the Queen of Spain sent for Christmas, 1928, during King George's illness, "Hoping with all my heart that if this Christmas must necessarily be a sad one, the New Year may bring back health and happiness." These are perhaps the deepest and best rewarded of all the good wishes recorded.

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BUILDING ECONOMIES

The Navy Estimates for the year 1930 were issued yesterday (No. 84, 10s. net), and also a statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Estimates (Cmd. 3506, 3d. net). The statement is as follows :—

The Navy Estimates for 1930 show a reduction of £4,126,000 below the Estimates for 1929. Their net total is £51,739,000, as against £55,865,000 last year.

This substantial decrease is due mainly to the reductions which the Government have felt justified in making in the shipbuilding programmes of 1928 and 1929, in accordance with a policy which has already been stated to Parliament.

Although the decisions affecting shipbuilding have been announced as arrived at, it may be convenient to summarize them here :—

Five vessels of the programme of 1928 have been cancelled, viz. :
- Two cruisers (10,000-ton type, with 8in. guns).
- Two submarines.
- One submarine depôt ship.

Twelve vessels of the programme of 1929 have been cancelled, viz. :
- Two cruisers (one of 10,000-ton type, with 8in. guns).
- Four torpedo-boat destroyers.
- Three submarines.
- Two sloops.
- One netlayer and target-towing vessel.

In addition, the decision whether the three remaining submarines of the 1929 programme are to be proceeded with has been deferred until after the London Naval Conference has been concluded.

If the full programmes of these two years had been put into effect the new construction provision in these Estimates must have risen by over £1,000,000 to the neighbourhood of £10,000,000 as compared with the provision of £8,621,626 in 1929. Actually the provision now proposed is £5,603,481. The effect of the changes is therefore to reduce expenditure on new construction in these Estimates by over £4,000,000.

As to future shipbuilding, the Government have decided not to formulate any proposals until the results of the Naval Conference are known and have been fully considered. No provision, therefore, is included in these Estimates for commencing any further new construction in 1930. As soon as the Government are in a position to inform Parliament of their intentions, a statement will be made on the subject, and, if necessary, a Supplementary Estimate will be presented.

It should be noted, too, that in the case of the three submarines which remain in the programme pending a final decision after the conclusion of the Naval Conference, these Estimates do not provide for any expenditure. If it should be found necessary to proceed with them, Parliament will be asked later in the year to make such additional financial provision as may be required.

Next to the reduction in the new construction provision, the most noteworthy feature in these Estimates is the reduction which they forecast in Naval *personnel*. Great attention has been paid by the Admiralty in recent years to the question of Fleet numbers, with the object of securing the greatest possible economy in *personnel* without, of course, jeopardizing essential requirements, including proper provision for training. Vote A for 1929 provided for 99,800 officers and men, but it was explained that this, the maximum number to be borne during the year, was the anticipated bearing on April 1, 1929, and would fall to 98,800 by April 1, 1930. As a result of further economies, the number now proposed to be reached by April 1, 1930, is 97,050, which is expected to fall to 94,000 by April 1, 1931.

THE SINGAPORE BASE

Even allowing, however, for these two main factors, the presentation of Estimates so much lower than those of 1929 has only been rendered possible by a very close scrutiny of every service with the object of curtailing expenditure. Of the causes operating in the contrary sense, I should in particular mention the increase of expenditure under the Singapore Base main engineering contract. Although no new commitments are being entered into pending the result of the London Naval Conference, it has been found that it would not be economical to retard the work contracted for, and, in accordance with the terms of the contract, considerably larger payments will have to be made in the year 1930 than in the current financial year. This and other additional commitments falling upon 1930, such as the effect of periodic increments of salary, additional provision for cost-of-living bonus, the automatic growth of the Non-Effective Votes, additional purchases owing to the reduction in the quantities of stocks available for use in relief of cash expenditure, and the institution of the holiday week with pay for industrial staff, amount to about £1,000,000.

The Estimates which were presented in 1924 were subject to an overhead deduction, intended to discount in advance possible delay in the progress of contract work, and on the understanding that, should such work proceed without interruption, the position would be dealt with when it arose. This system, with the approval of Parliament, has been adopted in every subsequent year. A similar deduction has been allowed for in 1930, regard being had to the smaller amount of contract work.

A. V. ALEXANDER.

ADMIRALTY, March 3, 1930.

NOTES ON MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Distribution of the Fleet

During the past year, in order to relieve the berthing congestion at Malta, four ships of the Queen Elizabeth class have been transferred from the Mediterranean to home waters. The battleships and battle cruisers comprising the Mediterranean and Atlantic Fleets during 1930 will thus be :—

MEDITERRANEAN FLEET

One ship of the Queen Elizabeth class.
Five ships of the Royal Sovereign class.

ATLANTIC FLEET

Two ships of the Nelson class.
Two ships of the Queen Elizabeth class.
Three battle cruisers, the Renown, Repulse and Tiger.

The other two ships of the Queen Elizabeth class are undergoing periodical repairs, but one is expected to rejoin the Atlantic Fleet by early autumn. The battle cruiser Hood is also undergoing large repairs.

For reasons of economy two ships of the Iron Duke class, which, under the title of the Third Battle Squadron, have formed part of the Atlantic Fleet and provided sea-going training for boys, have now been stationed at Portland for training purposes, where they form an independent command.

Aircraft Carriers

H.M.S. Glorious will complete for service in the spring, and will join the Mediterranean Fleet early in the summer in place of H.M.S. Courageous, which will join the Atlantic Fleet after undergoing refit. H.M.S. Argus will reduce to reserve status on the return of the Atlantic Fleet from the spring cruise.

Cruisers

The four 10,000-ton cruisers of the London class have been completed, and now form the First Cruiser Squadron in the Mediterranean.

During 1930 the Norfolk, Dorsetshire, and York will complete and join the Second Cruiser Squadron in the Atlantic Fleet.

Destroyers

The first complete flotilla of post-War design—*i.e.*, the Flotilla-Leader Codrington and eight Acasta class destroyers—will join the Mediterranean Fleet shortly, and relieve one of the flotillas now serving, which will return to England and be placed in reserve.

Submarines

The departure of the six Odin class submarines for China has been delayed, but the first four will leave for China early in the year with the new depôt ship Medway, and will be followed later by the remaining two and by the six Parthian class submarines.

The depôt ship Titania and the L class submarines have returned to England from China, and the Titania will relieve the Vulcan as depôt ship of the Sixth Submarine Flotilla, Portland.

During the year four submarines have been placed on the disposal list, and one submarine was unhappily sunk in collision.

Fleet Repair Ship

The new Fleet repair ship Resource will shortly replace the Assistance in the Mediterranean. The latter has already returned home, and been placed in reserve.

Sloops

The new sloops Folkestone, Hastings, Penzance, and Scarborough will relieve four older sloops abroad—three in the Persian Gulf and one on the America and West Indies Station. One old sloop has been placed on the disposal list, and four more will be disposed of as a result of these changes.

Fleet Activities Abroad

MEDITERRANEAN.—In June the aircraft carrier Eagle, on passage to the Mediterranean, successfully searched for and rescued the Spanish flying-boat Dornier 16. In August the situation in Palestine necessitated the dispatch from Malta at short notice of units of the Mediterranean Fleet, viz., the battleship Barham, cruiser Sussex, aircraft-carrier Courageous, and two destroyers. The South Staffordshire Regiment was conveyed from Malta to Palestine in the Courageous. In addition to the troops, a total of 110 officers and 1,000 men and six flights of aeroplanes were landed from these vessels in Palestine. As soon as the situation allowed, this force was withdrawn, and the Naval units rejoined the Mediterranean Fleet. In October the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet, in his flagship, H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth, with other vessels of the Fleet, visited Stambul, and met with a most cordial reception.

AMERICA AND WEST INDIES.—Visits to United States ports and to various ports in South America have been carried out by ships of the America and West Indies Squadron. In every case our ships received a very warm welcome.

RED SEA AND PERSIAN GULF.—Patrols by sloops in these waters have been carried out as in past years for the prevention of slave traffic and the protection of British interests.

CHINA.—The difficult situation in China continues. Piracy is still prevalent, both on the high seas and on inland waters, and much of the responsibility for dealing with this menace to peaceful commerce has continued to fall upon the Navy.

Other events worthy of record were the visit of H.M.S. Ramillies to Cannes for the centenary celebrations; the visit of H.M.S. Ramillies and H.M.S. London to Barcelona at the time of the International Exhibition; the conveyance, by H.M.S. Suffolk, of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester from Hong-kong to Yokohama on the occasion of his mission to H.I.M. the Emperor of Japan; and the visit of H.M.S. Royal Oak to Santander on the occasion of the presence of H.M. the King of Spain for the finish of the Plymouth to Santander yacht race.

Fishery Protection

The vessels of the Fishery Protection and Minesweeping Flotilla have continued to carry out useful work in the general protection and assistance of the fishing fleets. Useful exploratory work with the object of finding new fishing grounds has been carried out by H.M.S. Rosemary in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. This work will be continued during the coming year. Its importance has led to the decision of his Majesty's Government to build and equip a special vessel on the lines of the Discovery II. with the object of extending the field of survey. The Admiralty will be responsible for the design and building of the vessel, which will be manned with Naval *personnel*, and fly the White Ensign.

Cooperation between the Services

Combined exercises with the Army and Air Force have again been arranged as part of the annual programmes of squadrons whenever it has been possible to do so. Exchanges of officers between the three fighting Services during tactical exercises have been arranged, and the experience gained has proved of considerable value.

Naval Air Work

Good progress continues to be made in all branches of naval air work, and the amount of flying carried out by embarked aircraft shows a steady increase. Eighty-two naval officers are now employed as observers, and six more are under training. One hundred and twenty naval and Royal Marine officers are serving as pilots in the Fleet Air Arm, and 29 are under training for this duty. Of this total, 25 officers have been appointed for a period of general service, on the conclusion of which they will resume flying duties.

Wireless Telegraphy and Signal Development

The working of naval shore wireless telegraphy stations on both long and short wave has been improved during the past year by reorganization and the use of recent developments in technique. Ipswich and Sheerness wireless telegraphy stations have been closed, and a new station for receiving purposes only will shortly be open at Flowerdon, near Winchester, utilizing buildings and land relinquished by the Royal Air Force. Certain modifications in apparatus are being made to effect greater control of emitted wireless waves, in order to comply with international requirements.

Singapore Base

Reference has already been made to the progress of work on the main engineering contract, entered into in September, 1928, which, in spite of the fact that no new expenses are being incurred, renders it necessary to provide £220,000 more in these Estimates than was voted for the Base in 1929. The floating dock is now in use, the first ship, the Cumberland, being docked on September 16.

Personnel

Reference has been made in the covering statement to the considerable reduction proposed to be effected under Vote A. The number to be reached by April 1, 1931, is one which it is considered possible to attain without recourse to extraordinary measures.

During the last year lieutenant-commanders, R.N., over the age of 40 and surplus to requirements, have been offered the opportunity of retiring voluntarily with special retirement terms. Sixty-eight officers availed themselves of the opportunity.

An annual medal and prize to be competed for by junior accountant officers has been instituted from funds subscribed by the R.N. Accountant Officers' Dining Club. The award, known as the Gedge Medal and Prize, is in commemoration of the late Staff-Paymaster J. T. Gedge, R.N., the first British officer of all the fighting services to be killed in the late War.

Interchange of *personnel* and cooperation, especially for training purposes, continue between the R.N. and Dominion Navies. An interesting example of this is shown in the arrangement made between the Admiralty and the Australian Naval Board for Rear-Admiral G. F. Hyde, C.V.O., C.B.E., Royal Australian Navy, to command the Third Battle Squadron for a year from about May, 1930.

Orders have been issued for welfare conferences to be assembled at an early date.

Administration

Mr. A. W. Johns, C.B., C.B.E., has been appointed Director of Naval Construction in succession to Sir William J. Berry, K.C.B., who has retired on reaching the age of 65, after a distinguished career in the service of the Admiralty.

MATÉRIEL

New Construction

The revised 1929 new programme consists of :—
- One 6in. gun cruiser.
- One leader.
- Four destroyers.
- Four sloops.
- One tender to H.M.S. Vernon.

(One of the small instructional tenders to the Vernon is worn out and provision for its replacement has been included in the 1929 programme.) These ships will all be of dockyard construction, except the leader and two destroyers, which will be built by contract.

The new cruiser will be built at Devonport Dockyard. The two dockyard-built destroyers and the tender to H.M.S. Vernon will be built at Portsmouth. Two of the sloops were ordered in the late summer, one at Chatham and the other at Devonport. The remaining two sloops will also be built at Chatham and Devonport. In addition, the new fishery survey vessel will be built at Chatham Dockyard. The cost of building and maintaining this vessel will be borne on the Votes of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Three submarines are retained in the programme, but a decision as to proceeding with their construction will not be taken till after the conclusion of the Naval Conference.

Cruisers

LONDON CLASS (1925 PROGRAMME)

H.M.S. London was completed in February, 1929, H.M.S. Sussex carried out trials in December, 1928, and was completed in March, 1929. H.M.S. Devonshire carried out trials in January, 1929, and was completed in April, 1929. H.M.S. Shropshire carried out trials in July, 1929, and was completed in September, 1929. H.M.S. Devonshire has recently been in hand at Devonport for repairs consequent on the gun accident in X turret, but has now completed and returned to her station.

DORSETSHIRE CLASS (1926 PROGRAMME)

The construction of the two vessels of this class is progressing satisfactorily. The Norfolk will shortly have carried out her trials and should complete early next financial year. The Dorsetshire is due to carry out trials next June, and to complete next September.

B CLASS (1926 AND 1927 PROGRAMMES)

The York is carrying out her trials and is expected to complete at the end of April. The Exeter's construction is progressing normally, and she is expected to complete in 1931.

Leaders and Destroyers

1927 PROGRAMME

The leader Codrington, completing at Messrs. Swan Hunter's, should be delivered in May, 1930.

The more advanced destroyers of the Acasta class have commenced their trials and have shown a gain in fuel economy, as compared with earlier designs, owing to the introduction of superheating and other design improvements.

The Acheron, which it will be remembered is building by Messrs. Thornycroft's to the order of Messrs. Parsons, and is to be fitted with special machinery designed to make use of high-pressure steam, will probably be completed in the autumn of 1930.

The remaining vessels of the Acasta class will be completed for service very shortly.

1928 PROGRAMME

The leader Keith, building at Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong's, is proceeding satisfactorily and should be launched and completed during the financial year 1930.

The destroyers of the Beagle class—namely, the Basilisk and Beagle, building at Messrs. John Brown's; the Blanche and Boadicea, building at Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie's; the Brilliant and Bulldog, building at Messrs. Swan Hunter's; and the Boreas and Brazen, at Messrs. Palmer's—are proceeding satisfactorily, and it is anticipated that all these vessels will be launched and completed during the financial year 1930.

The Canadian Government has ordered two destroyers from Messrs. Thornycroft to the firm's design. Their construction is being supervised by the Admiralty. It is anticipated that they will be launched during 1930 and delivered early in 1931.

Submarines

Four of the six vessels of the Odin class (1926 programme) will have been completed during the financial year 1929. It is anticipated that the remaining two vessels (the Olympus and Orpheus) will complete early in the financial year 1930.

The six vessels of the P class (1927 programme) will, it is expected, all have been completed by the early autumn of 1930.

Of the six vessels of the R class (1928 programme) originally ordered, two were cancelled, leaving three (the Regent, Regulus and Rover) building at Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong's, and one (the Rainbow) building at Chatham Dockyard. It is expected that three of these vessels will complete during the financial year 1930.

Submarine Depot Ship

The Medway was completed in July, 1929.

Fleet Repair Ship

The Resource was completed in January, 1930.

Sloops

The Bridgewater and Sandwich have been completed during the past year and have joined the Fleet.

Four repeat sloops, the Hastings, Penzance, Folkestone, and Scarborough, are under construction, the first two at Devonport Dockyard, and the others at Messrs. Swan Hunter's, and are expected to be ready for trials in the summer.

A sloop, to be named the Hindustan, is being built for the Government of India at Messrs. Swan Hunter's, under Admiralty supervision, and is also expected to be ready for trials in the summer, and to sail for India in the autumn.

River Gunboat (1928 Programme).

The order for this China river gunboat (the Falcon) has been placed with Messrs. Yarrow, and the ship is due for delivery in April, 1931.

Reconstruction and Repairs.

The reconstruction of the Glorious as an aircraft carrier is practically finished. She is the last of the three large aircraft carriers converted from cruisers, the other two being the Furious and Courageous.

The Valiant, which was taken in hand for bulging in March, 1929, is expected to complete in the autumn. The Barham, the last ship of the class to be bulged, will then be taken in hand.

The Hood and the Benbow commenced large refits in June and September, 1929, respectively.

The Courageous is about to be taken in hand for fitting new water pockets and boiler tubes, and it is intended to commence similar work on the Furious during 1930.

Dockyard Administration

The process of putting into force at Portsmouth Dockyard the changes recommended by Mr. R. S. Hilton's Committee on the Financial System of the Dockyards will be completed by April 1 next. Amongst the changes introduced are the system of mustering the workmen by time-clock instead of metal ticket—the time-clock card being completed with the detail of the calculation of each workman's wages, and given to him for information—and a scheme of recording and classifying on-costs under centres, from which analyses are prepared for each period of four weeks for the purposes of instituting a closer control by the management over indirect expenditure. It is proposed gradually to extend these systems to other establishments, and to start upon their introduction at Devonport Dockyard in 1930.

In accordance with the policy of the Government towards its industrial employees, one week's annual leave with pay has been granted to all workpeople in the Royal Dockyards and other Admiralty Establishments in this country who have been in the Admiralty service for a year, and the number of paid holidays each year has been increased from four to five.

The reduction in the amount of work allocated to the Dockyards owing to the cancellation of part of the shipbuilding programme would, in the ordinary course, have involved considerable discharges. To such extent, however, as is practicable, measures have been taken to minimize compulsory discharges. A certain amount of work which has not ordinarily been assigned to the Dockyards, but which they are well able to perform, has been found for them. Established workpeople wishing to leave the Service have been permitted to retire with the pension or gratuity earned by service. The amount of overtime worked in the Dockyards has been severely restricted. Payment by results has been to some extent reduced.

Self-Maintenance Scheme (H.M. Ships)

The scheme introduced in 1927 in the Mediterranean Fleet for increasing the degree of self-maintenance by ships' *personnel*, in conjunction with an extension of the periods between dockyard refits, continues to work very satisfactorily. A similar scheme was extended later to the Atlantic Fleet. A modified scheme of self-maintenance has been authorized for trial in the cruisers of the America and West Indies Squadron.

Miscellaneous

Catapults for the launching of aircraft from ships are now installed in several vessels, including the Resolution and Frobisher, but finality in design has not yet been reached. Several types are being exhaustively tried out, and experimental work is being pursued, active liaison being maintained with the Air Ministry. The trials are being carried out from the Ark Royal.

Considerable progress has been made in modernizing the anti-aircraft defence of the Fleet and in installing a new system of fire control for the anti-aircraft guns.

Improved fuel economy and reliability continue to be sought after in all new machinery designs. Increasing use is being made of electrically driven auxiliary machinery, with the object of securing improvement in economy when working at reduced powers. Useful work, which should prove the means of further improving fuel combustion afloat besides improving operation and reducing wear and tear of furnace fittings, has been carried out during the year at the Haslar Liquid Fuel Experimental Works.

At the Admiralty Engineering Laboratory the development of heavy oil engines for naval purposes has proceeded steadily. The design and construction of an advanced experimental type of high-speed Diesel engine, in which an attempt is being made to reduce the machinery weight considerably in comparison with existing practice, are also in progress there. In addition, data required for existing designs have been determined experimentally as required, and metallurgical investigations have been carried out to meet the requirements of the Service.

Trials of oil obtained from the low-temperature carbonization of coal have been carried out at the Liquid Fuel Experimental Works at Haslar and in a destroyer, and arrangements are being made to obtain supplies of similar oils from the principal firms in this country with a view to carrying out further trials.

Progress in the development of the use of pulverized fuel is being closely watched.

Trials have also been continued at Haslar and elsewhere with plants for eliminating the oil fuel from the water in the mixtures arising from oil fuel tank washings and other contaminated supplies. Improvements in these processes have been made and several plants are now available for service.

Trials have been carried out ashore and afloat with various new materials and corrosion-resisting processes.

The development of light alloys in replacement of heavier materials is another matter which is being closely followed, and various investigations and trials are in progress.

In conjunction with British electrical cable manufacturers a comprehensive research and investigation into the construction of various types of electric cables have been undertaken, resulting in the production of cables of greater durability, which should ultimately effect considerable economy in maintenance.

Successful experiments have been carried out with a submarine escape apparatus which offers a greatly improved means of individual escape to the crew of a sunken submarine, and the provision of this apparatus to each officer and man in submarines is in progress. Other experiments have been made, and are continuing, with the object of improving measures of submarine salvage in case of necessity, an important feature being that means have been found to enable divers to reach much greater depths than had previously been considered practicable.

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ABSTRACT OF NAVY ESTIMATES FOR 1930

The following is an abstract of the Navy Estimates for 1930, with the comparable figures for 1929 :—

Votes	—	Estimates 1930 Gross Estimate	Estimates 1930 Net Estimate	Estimates 1929 Gross Estimate	Estimates 1929 Net Estimate
	I.—NUMBERS		Maximum Numbers		Maximum Numbers
A	Number of Officers, Seamen, Boys, and Royal Marines	97,050	97,050	99,800	99,800
	Number of Royal Marine Police	500	500	500	500
	II.—EFFECTIVE SERVICES	£	£	£	£
1	Wages, &c., of Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, and Royal Marines, and Civilians employed on Fleet Services	14,049,102	13,990,600	14,309,500	14,244,600
2	Victualling and Clothing for the Navy	4,417,700	3,879,000	4,718,923	3,873,400
3	Medical Establishments and Services	468,210	463,200	485,227	480,600
4	Fleet Air Arm	1,267,000	1,267,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
5	Educational Services	307,879	231,200	313,965	232,200
6	Scientific Services	561,210	480,800	548,464	470,400
7	Royal Naval Reserves	392,297	392,000	392,435	392,000
8	Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. :—				
	Section I.—Personnel	6,683,429	6,200,000	7,069,020	6,770,000
	Section II.—Materiel	5,878,500	4,127,300	6,857,500	5,021,300
	Section III.—Contract Work	5,017,180	4,934,000	7,318,804	7,228,930
9	Naval Armaments	3,891,473	3,366,800	3,930,667	3,344,000
10	Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home and Abroad	2,621,350	2,075,950	2,435,400	1,907,700
11	Miscellaneous Effective Services	786,700	706,850	792,270	731,500
12	Admiralty Office	1,234,840	1,208,500	1,202,911	1,187,000
	Total Effective Services	£ 47,566,870	43,069,600	51,475,156	47,312,100
	III.—NON-EFFECTIVE SERVICES				
13	Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Officers	3,138,204	3,120,000	3,091,979	3,068,500
14	Non-Effective Services (Naval and Marine)—Men	4,600,300	4,567,200	4,561,550	4,527,600
15	Civil Superannuation, Compensation Allowances and Gratuities	984,765	982,200	959,715	957,400
	Total Non-Effective Services	£ 8,723,269	8,669,400	8,613,244	8,552,900
	GRAND TOTAL	£ 56,290,139	51,739,000	60,088,400	55,865,000

Net Decrease :—£4,126,000.

A. V. ALEXANDER, CHARLES B. MADDEN, M. H. HODGES, ROGER BACKHOUSE, V. H. HAGGARD, CHAS. G. AMMON, O. MURRAY, W. W. FISHER, G. H. HALL.

Admiralty, February 19, 1930.

NAVAL, MILITARY, AND AIR FORCE

WAR FLAGS OF BRITISH SHIPS

A Fleet Order is expected to be issued shortly offering for sale several of the flags worn during the late War by ships of the Royal Navy. Several flags have been taken by the Imperial War Museum, and others adorn the dockyard and naval churches. Certain emblems worn in important actions are also specially preserved in historic shrines, the ensign of H.M.S. KENT at the Falklands being in Canterbury Cathedral. But there still remain a number of flags which the Admiralty is willing to dispose of to approved persons, although no guarantee can be given of these flags having been worn in any particular action.

ARMY RIFLE MEETING

The provisional dates chosen for the Army Central Rifle Meeting on the ranges at Bisley are as follows :—

June 28.—Warrant and N.C.O.s' Clubhouse opens. June 29.—Officers' Clubhouse opens. June 30.—The Worcestershire Cup. July 1.—The Army Championship, first stage (Kolapore Cup). July 2.—The Army Championship, first stage (Roberts Cup). July 3.—The Army Championship, second stage (Army Hundred Cup), and the Britannia Trophy. July 4.—The Small Arms Cup and the Methuen Cup. July 5.—The Revolver Thirty Cup Final.

Applications for accommodation are to be made not later than June 6 to Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. Waring, D.S.O., Room 98, Horse Guards, S.W.1.

The Commander-in-Chief has authorized the supply of 29,000 St. George's flags for the use of troops in India on St. George's Day, and these will be sent direct to the headquarters of Commands by the Royal Society of St. George, Victoria-street. Units may also draw red and white linen roses from the society. The amount realized by the sale of flags will be remitted direct to the secretary in London.

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS

BARBADOS, March 4.—Wistaria arrived.
BASSEIN, March 4.—Cyclamen left.
COLOMBO, March 4.—Enterprise arrived.
DEVONPORT, March 5.—Vindictive and Scythe arrived.
HAIFA, March 4.—Cyclamen arrived.
HERNE BAY, March 4.—Ormonde arrived.
HONG-KONG, March 4.—Sirdar arrived: and Stormcloud left on patrol.
MACAO, March 5.—Tarantula left for West River.
MALTA, March 5.—Berwick arrived.
MIAMI, March 4.—Durban left.
MUSCAT, March 4.—Triad left for Bombay. March 5.—Nelson and Centaur left for Polleusa Bay.
PORTLAND, March 5.—P 40 left for Devonport.
QUEENSTOWN, March 4.—Scythe arrived, and left for Devonport.
ST. LUCIA, March 4.—Wistaria left.
SHANGHAI, March 3.—Cornwall left for Nanking.
TAKORADI, March 4.—Daffodil left for Sierra Leone.
ZAKOW, March 5.—Marasion left for Swatow.
WUSUNG, March 3.—Hermes, Thracian, and Sterling arrived.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty yesterday :—

CAPTS.—C. A. M. SAREL, to Constance, in command, and as Flag Capt. and Chief of Staff to Vice-Admiral F. LARKEN (April 23); O. H. DAWSON, to Barham, in command, and as Flag Capt. and Chief Staff Officer to Rear-Admiral C. J. C. LITTLE (April 26); R. F. RAIKES, D.S.O., to St. Vincent, in command (May 3); and G. W. TAYLOR, to Emperor of India, in command, and as Flag Capt. and Chief Staff Officer to Rear-Admiral G. F. HYDE (May 6).

LIEUT.-COMMRS.—H. R. SPEARING, to Greenwich, and for command of Boom Defence School, and for experimental duties (March 14); and G. E. BLACKMORE, D.S.C., to Vivid, for Devonport Dockyard (April 21).

LIEUT.—N. T. B. HOLT, to Ross (March 14).

SUB-LIEUTS.—E. C. BAYLDON, to Anthony (March 11); K. N. HOARE and M. J. R. DE COURCY, to S/M Proteus (March 11), and for duty with Capt. Superintendent, Contract Built Ships, and to S/M Proteus (on commg.); R. C. J. DRIVER, to Dragon (March 16); I. G. ROBERTSON, to Dauntless (March 25); and S. T. C. HARRISON, to Enterprise; and E. G. C. TURNBULL, to Magnolia (April 1).

INSTR. LIEUT.-COMMR.—W. J. BAXTER, B.A., to Dragon (March 24).

SCHOOLMASTERS.—E. W. BROWN, lent to Royal Australian Navy, for two years; and J. H. J. EOWE, to Dragon (on recommg.).

SURGN. LIEUT.-COMMR.—R. W. MURRIN, M.B., B.Ch., to Pembroke, for R.N. Hospital, Chatham, and as bacteriological specialist (March 31).

SURGNS. LIEUTS.—L. P. STEAD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to Vernon; and D. C. Drake, to Godetia (April 7).

CD. GUNNERS.—W. MAYSTON, to Osprey (March 10); J. H. BAYANT, to Iron Duke (March 23); G. HAMILTON, to Resolven (April 5); and D. CONSTANTINE, to Excellent, staff (April 14).

GUNNER.—A. E. JACOBS, to Renown (April 1).

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

LIEUT.-COMMRS.—R. T. SMAILES, to Pembroke, for disposal for training (March 6), and R. J. H. COMPTON (Lieut. to President, while serving as Hon. Asst., Cardiff, to the Commr. for R.N.R. duties, and for liaison duties with the Mercantile Marine, Liverpool (Feb. 2).

LIEUTS.—J. R. E. LEADBETTER, to Pembroke, for disposal for training (March 8); and H. RICHMAN, to Dolphin, for training (March 10).

SUB-LIEUTS.—J. C. DAWSON, promoted to Lieut. (senr.; Dec. 29, 1929). E. J. COOPEY and D. L. JONES, promoted to Lieuts. (senr., Jan. 10); and J. A. LOWE, to S/M H 43; A. E. TROOPS, to S/M H 34; T. M. MAPPLEBECK, to S/M H 34; and J. IRWIN, to S/M H 49 (March 1).

MIDSHIPMEN.—R. N. BARRY and R. W. MAYO, promoted to Acty. Sub-Lieuts. (senr., Feb. 3 and 9 respectively); and G. RADCLYFFE and E. K. BOLTON, promoted to Acty. Sub-Lieuts. (senr., Feb. 10 and 17 respectively); and W. G. HANNAFORD (probv.), to Queen Elizabeth, for training (March 8), and to Barham, to complete training (April 24).

PAYMR. LIEUT.—W. A. SOUTHERN, to Rodney, for training (April 6).

BRITISH ENGINEERS

VALUE OF STANDARDS TO INDUSTRY

DUKE OF YORK ON THE ROYAL CHARTER

The Duke of York attended a dinner held at Grocers' Hall last night by the British Engineering Standards Association to celebrate the Royal Charter recently granted to it by the King. Mr. Maurice F. G. Wilson, chairman of the association, presided, and the company included representatives of many technical institutions and organizations associated with the engineering and allied trades.

After acknowledging the toast of "The Royal Family," the DUKE OF YORK said :—I am glad to have the opportunity of identifying myself this evening with the work which this association is doing, for any public movement which assists in maintaining British quality, combined with economy in production, must demand the attention of all thoughtful people and deserves the support of every branch of industry. Particularly is this the case at the present time, when the country's attention is being turned towards the imperative necessity of improving our trade position as the vital factor in bringing about more employment. Fortunately, the spirit of cooperation is to be found everywhere in industry to-day, and this is doing much to help a general reorganization along the most modern, scientific, and economic lines, without which no enterprise can flourish.

This association has laboured unceasingly to create and foster this spirit of cooperation, and has achieved marked success in persuading the various branches of the great engineering and allied industries of the country to come together and unify and simplify their needs. The result of this cooperation, developed, as it has been, on a sound national basis, has been quite remarkable. For this association, while possessing no legislative authority, nor yet being subject to any Government control, has gained, to a notable degree, the confidence of industry, so that manufacturers find themselves constrained to make use of the British standard specifications, and the purchasers, although free to order what they like, in the great majority of cases accept your recommendations.

SAFEGUARDING DESIGN

I am told that you employ the greatest safeguards to prevent your work from in any way interfering with design, and that these British standards, which are known and valued all over the world, have as their real object the establishment of a basis for the comparison of tenders rather than the standardizing of a pattern. Thus the producers are able to exercise their imagination and genius in the design and manufacture of their products. The adoption of these specifications by the spending Departments of the Government and by all the local authorities must go far to increase the confidence of manufacturers during slack times. I understand that in our export trade British standard specifications are becoming of enhanced value, and I am glad to think that, with the enlarged financial support recently granted by the Treasury, you will again be in a position to translate these specifications into foreign languages and so place what British manufacturers have to offer before prospective purchasers in their own language. (Cheers.)

Last, but not least, through your intimate connexion with bodies similar to your own in the self-governing Dominions overseas, you are achieving a measure of Imperial agreement in the preparation of these national specifications. In the further development of this work you will certainly have the unstinted support of the public, as such agreements are bound to benefit both manufacturers and purchasers, who are often separated by great distances in our widely flung Empire.

With such an impartial organization in our midst to co-ordinate this work we need have no fear of over-standardization or the loss of individual enterprise. We may rather look forward to your association increasing its usefulness to industry. And so, gentlemen, I congratulate you most warmly on having obtained a Royal Charter, and I hope that you will continue to prosper in carrying on your great national work. I give you the toast of the British Engineering Standards Association. (Cheers.)

AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said that the interest which the Duke of York showed in the organization would be of the greatest help to them in their work. Since the War standardization had advanced very rapidly, and some people had expressed concern as to where all this standardization was leading. Variety was very dear to human nature, and the fear of losing it was very real. The association was fully alive to the possible dangers in this direction, and the utmost safeguards had been provided. Only a very small proportion of the standardization work of the association dealt solely with the question of the pattern, the majority of the work relating to quality and performance. The aim of the association was to produce, by the consent of all concerned, British standard specifications based on good average present-day practice, without aiming at an ideal which might be too costly for industry to adopt. The movement was, in fact, but one aspect of the great reorganization which was taking place throughout industry. Its more immediate result was to bring about economy in manufacture, saving in preventable waste, and reduction to a reasonable proportion of the top great variety of types still prevalent in some directions. The increased financial support recently granted by the Government was due in large measure to the report of the Committee on Industry and Trade, presided over by Sir Arthur Balfour. The Government grant was for £3,000 a year for five years, under conditions which the association could readily fulfil. It was to be increased to a maximum of £5,000 a year, providing the association obtained certain increased support from industry.

After stating that the association had now 500 committees at work, served by between 2,000 and 3,000 professional men, the CHAIRMAN said that they had with them that night Mr. H. J. Skelton, an engineer and steel merchant, who in 1895 wrote to *The Times* in regard to the enormous variety of steel sections which then existed and the great desirability of some standardization being brought about. The late Sir John Wolfe Barry later raised the question at the Institute of Civil Engineers, and it would always be to the credit of the engineers of the country that they had the foresight to see that this work could only go forward successfully if it were on a fully cooperative basis of a national character and had the full support of the Government behind it. (Cheers.)

Mr. LL. B. ATKINSON, chairman of the Finance Committee, proposed "The Guests" and described Mr. H. J. Skelton as the father of British standardization.

HELP TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

LORD THOMSON (Secretary for Air) paid a tribute to the very valuable work done by the association and spoke of the close contact between it and various Departments of State. The financial department of the association had achieved something like a miracle by extracting £3,000, and a promise of more, from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The association, Lord Thomson added, had saved his Department money and trouble in connexion with the production of aircraft, and had also assisted it in the matter of granting certificates of airworthiness. The standard of airworthiness of British aircraft was unchallenged in the world, and that was a most fundamental factor in the development of a new means of transportation. The Home Office, the Admiralty, the War Office, and the Ministry of Transport had also derived great benefit from the work of the association.

Mr. H. J. SKELTON, who was warmly cheered, referred to the work he had done in advocating standardization, and said that his offspring had grown out of all recognition. He hoped that the various industries would make use of the association to maintain quality through British standards, and put those in the hands of all salesmen at home and abroad.

Others who accepted invitations to be present included :—

Lord Thomson (Secretary for Air), Lord Russell (Under-Secretary for India), Lord Kylsant, Sir William Ellis, Sir Charles Parsons, Mr. L. B. Atkinson, Sir Richard Glazebrook, Sir W. W. Smith (Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Trade), Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie (High Commissioner for Australia), Colonel R. E. Crompton, Mr. F. W. L. Ashley (Principal Assistant Secretary, Industry and Manufactures, Board of Trade), Mr. C. Evan Williams, Engineer Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Dixon, Mr. W. W. Grierson, Sir Banister Fletcher, Air-Marshal Sir John Higgins, Sir Herbert Austin, Mr. H. J. Skelton, Colonel Sir Thomas Purves, Sir Alan Anderson, Brigadier-General Sir Henry Maybury.

Sir John Brooke, Sir Henry Lambert, Sir David Milne-Watson, Sir Robert Hadfield, Mr. P. J. Rylands, M.P., Sir Gilbert Vyle, Mr. L. St. L. Pendred, Sir Richard Redmayne, Sir Ralph Wedgwood, Mr. V. Watlington, Major-General J. F. C. Grant (Director of Fortifications and Works, War Office), Mr. J. S. Franck, Sir William Larke, Dr. F. E. Smith, Colonel the Master of Sempill, Brigadier-General Sir Harold Hartley, Sir Murray Hughes, Sir William J

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Letters to the Editor

DIET AND THE TEETH

DEFICIENCY OF VITAMIN D

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—Polemical discussions of scientific problems usually serve merely to indicate that there is insufficient evidence to bring conviction to the average mind. When they take place in the lay Press the most important point is that the public should not be misled or confused by a maze of technicalities. Dental caries, when all that it implies is comprehended, is one of the greatest scourges of humanity, and it is right and natural that general interest should be taken in it.

Mr. Barwise's letter, following your leading article, does not help very much. Mrs. Mellanby's report is Part I. only, dealing with experiments on dogs, but she has published other papers in professional journals dealing with other aspects of the problem, the subject matter of which will doubtless be included in later Parts. Mr. Barwise agrees that Mrs. Mellanby has definitely proved that deficiency of Vitamin D produces gross imperfections in the structure of the teeth of dogs, and this alone certainly constitutes an important contribution to preventive medicine. She has also shown that defects in structure of human teeth, especially the temporary teeth of children, are far more common than had hitherto been thought, and has adduced a certain amount of evidence suggesting that cod liver oil (containing Vitamin D) may have some effect in inhibiting the increase of caries. Mr. Barwise is correct in saying that there is no definite proof that defective teeth are more prone to caries than well-formed teeth, but at least the coincident prevalence of imperfect structure and caries is significant, and Mrs. Mellanby has offered some evidence that the two are related.

There is nothing really antagonistic between Mrs. Mellanby's hypothesis and that of Dr. Sim Wallace. The actual cause of caries is bacterial action, and the commencement is always on the surface of a tooth, so that the natural cleansing of the teeth effected by thorough mastication of natural fibrous foods has for many years commended itself to experienced dental surgeons as a reasonable method of preventing or inhibiting decay. Neither theory can at present be proved. There is much conflicting clinical evidence, which seems to render either theory untenable as a single and simple explanation of the problem. Research is going on, and one may hazard the conjecture that both structure and environment will be found to play their part. Environment connotes something more than cleanliness. It is notorious that caries is sometimes rampant in children with very clean mouths, and there may be some subtle factor connected with the calcium content or other variable character of the saliva which helps to control the onset and spread of caries. Whether or not an ordinary diet is seriously deficient in Vitamin D is for the bio-chemist to say, but one would have thought that there were many thousands of children who obtained very small quantities of butter, milk, and eggs, which are the chief sources of this vitamin.

Argument directed towards enhancing or depreciating the value of discoveries already made is sheer futility. It may be mildly stimulating, but what is wanted is work rather than criticism. If the problem of prevention of dental decay is to be solved it will be by careful observation, systematic inquiry into the life-history of cases of natural immunity, and experimental research. It may be that the eventual remedy will be sociological rather than technical.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN G. BENNETT.

London, W.

PACT AND COVENANT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—In his letter of February 28 I understood Mr. Wilson Harris to contend that while the economic sanctions, including the "stoppage of goods by sea," were "obligatory on members of the League," the responsibility for executing the blockade here "clearly implied" was a "collective responsibility" resting upon the League—as distinct, in some sense, from its several members—and one which the League had no means of discharging other than merely persuasive "recommendations," the acceptance or rejection of which was for those several members a matter of discretion.

For this opinion he now says he has a "whole mass of authority." He names, however, only the Resolutions of 1921 and the Rutgers Memorandum. I am surprised that anyone so familiar as Mr. Harris presumably is with those two texts should invoke them for this purpose. They contain nothing, in my opinion, to sustain the idea that, where her obligatory function of preventing "all financial, commercial, or personal intercourse" between a Covenant-breaker and some third State or States plainly pointed, as it quite conceivably might, to the imposition by Great Britain of some form of blockade—whether with or without an antecedent declaration of war—Great Britain would, as the law stands to-day, be legally at liberty to abstain.

Could not Mr. Harris at any rate discuss the present proposals on the provisional assumption that Article 16 as it stands does involve some embarrassing possibilities? Has he no case to state for running, in the interests as he sees them of European peace, the risk, if any there be, of their ever becoming more than possibilities—the risk, that is, of a League member, in defiance of an amended Covenant, under the eyes of a vigilant Council and in the face of Article 16, taking, so to say, its economic life in its hands and resorting to war?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MANNING.

London School of Economics, Houghton-street, Aldwych, March 4.

TURNER'S WOOD

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—The only justification for the cutting down of nine-tenths of Turner's Wood would appear to me to be, first, that the sanctuary of the birds must, in the last resort, give place to that other sanctuary we call a home, and secondly, the opening of an urgently-needed relief avenue from Hampstead-lane at the junction of Winnington-road, across the Spaniards' field, to Wildwood-road, and thence to Goldrs Green.

The official "lay-out" of the field and wood is before me. The destruction of some 10 acres of plantation of Spanish oak, hornbeam, silver birch, and mountain ash appears to set about the task of defeating all hope of such relief. All that is to be saved from the despoiler is the sheltered pool (of which a beautiful illustration appeared in *The Times* yesterday). Access to this paradise for birds is to be reserved to such persons as have gardens fringing the enclosure. Yet the need of such relief thoroughfares as I have indicated is manifest to every user of the road from Highgate to Jack Straw's Castle, and I urge it out of consideration of the man on foot, no less than that countless throng who race past my little gate at the head of Winnington-road on the wings of the wind. If this opportunity is lost, what will be our fate should Bishop's-avenue develop into an outlet to the north, as an alternative to the steep gradients of the Archway-road?

A brave effort is being made to save the adjoining golf course also from the hands of the builder. But I fear it is an uneven battle. Can any ladies' or nine-hole course pay its way at the cost of land hereabouts—£30,000 to £40,000? And though the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have "very kindly" allowed full Sunday play (won't the Lord's Day Observance Society be very cross about this?), grass lying above clay will not stand the strain of a perfectly limitless procession of players, through all the hours of daylight, seven days a week. Land may be cheap to the builder, and yet too dear for a golf course—like an old coal-eating steamer, it can't earn its keep.

W. RALPH HALL CAINE.

Ken Wood Farm House, N.W.3, March 4.

EFFECTS OF TARIFFS

INQUIRY BY STATISTICIANS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—If the effects of tariffs upon a community as a whole could be measured with some approach to accuracy, there would seem to be no reason for the question being regarded as one of party politics, and common action could be taken on the lines indicated by ascertained knowledge.

So far neither the advocates nor the opponents of tariffs have put forward any reasons worth calling such in support of their respective contentions. No engineer would build a bridge on such vague and indefinite data as there are for or against tariffs, and upon which national or Imperial policy is proposed to be based.

I believe it would be perfectly possible for a few impartial statisticians with a staff of draughtsmen and computers to examine by a graphic method what the effects of tariffs in various countries have been in the past, and to measure the probable consequences in the future of various tariffs that might be imposed. These measurements could be made not merely in terms of money, but with reference also to the effect upon employment.

It is said that one way of securing a good crop of heartsease or red clover is to keep cats which kill the mice that otherwise destroy the nests and combs of the bees which fertilize the flowers. This simple chain of cause and consequence suggests the far more complicated indirect and remote influences that flow from a given action through commercial and social affairs.

To the best of my knowledge, no serious and extensive effort has ever been made to measure the full effects of tariffs. Until this is done, I submit with all due deference to everybody concerned that the blind are leading the blind. I further believe that it is within the power of statistical science greatly to mitigate, if not entirely to eliminate, this blindness, and to provide an amount of knowledge that would serve as a guide to action which men of all parties could support.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM SCHOOLING.

1, Elvaston-place, S.W.7, March 5.

BUILDING LABOUR

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—In your report of to-day's date of the discussion in the House of Lords on housing conditions, you quote Lord Buckmaster as saying:—

> "He would ask those who represented Labour if they could induce the trade unions to relax all their restrictive rules, except those relating to wages, in cases where men were engaged in reconditioning or rebuilding slum areas. Every one should make a contribution to what was a national problem."

The suggestion contained in these remarks is not new, but it is regrettable that one whom we all know, not only as a great Judge, but as a gentleman of broad and sympathetic views on many questions, should give currency to such a fallacy. May I state very definitely that in the rules or practices of the trade unions in the building industry there is nothing which would add an additional penny to the cost of such work as his lordship refers to, or indeed to any building work whatever?

As to contributing to this national problem, it ought to be within the knowledge of Lord Buckmaster that the unions and their members have made very great sacrifices for and contributions to its solution. In 1924, at the call of the Government, the unions opened their ranks for the augmentation of labour. Thousands of additional men were admitted without the statutory training hitherto agreed upon in the industry. Every effort was made (by mobilising the various sections, by equalizing the crafts, and by generally speeding up) to help the community to provide houses at a reasonable cost. Moreover, in spite of the fact that for three years every worker was fully employed and the general building industry was booming, the operatives refrained from seeking to exploit the position by asking for any increased remuneration or better conditions, thus being in sharp contrast to many of the other interests engaged in the industry.

We had been promised a continuous housing programme of several years and uninterrupted employment for our members; yet for the past two years we have been carrying a load of unemployment varying from 100,000 to 150,000. The various unions have been paying thousands of pounds a week in unemployment pay, and willing men of the highest skill in the world have been walking the streets eating their hearts out.

Lord Buckmaster, who ably presided at an inquiry into the wages of the building workers, should know the conditions of the industry, but again let me assure him that there is absolutely nothing in our rules to prevent our members from giving of their best in this great enterprise, and I believe that, in spite of the treatment meted out by successive Governments, they are still willing to aid the community in the vital work of housing our people.

Perhaps if Lord Buckmaster would turn his attention to the shareholders in materials manufacture and to the investing public, who are well represented in the illustrious Chamber of which he is so distinguished a member, he would find more occasion for making his appeal, and if it were effective in these quarters the cost of building would be very appreciably reduced.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
THOMAS BARRON, President.

The National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, Federal House, Cedars-road, Clapham, S.W.4, March 5.

ST. MARY'S HALL, COVENTRY

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—I am to inform you that the committee of this society, meeting this afternoon, learned with dismay that it was proposed to reface the front of St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, and it entered upon its minutes a most emphatic protest.

It is advised by professional experts that the decay of the stonework has been arrested by the petrifying fluid applied shortly since, and that the most that would be necessary is to extend that work. It deplores any suggestion to rebuild the frontage, feeling assured that no modern work can possibly restore with any sort of certainty the detail and carving, &c., of the original work, to substitute which with such as might now be designed will be only to destroy irrevocably the feeling of antiquity which lends so much charm to this historic building.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Town Clerk of Coventry, and it is earnestly hoped that the proposals will be withdrawn.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
FRANCIS B. ANDREWS, Hon. Secretary.

Birmingham Archæological Society, 95, Colmore-row, Birmingham, March 5.

SPEED LIMIT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—With your permission I desire to ask, before it is too late, for reconsideration of the Government's decision to abolish the speed limit for light motor-cars. I do so on the grounds that there is no unanimity of support, but on the contrary division of opinion of authorities, concerning it; that the great bulk of pedestrians dread it, and that motorists are by no means of one mind upon it. Witness the unsuccessful effort made recently in the House of Lords to secure a 40 m.p.h. limit by Earl Howe, whose opinion as a motorist expert is surely as much entitled to be listened to as anybody's. Also there is a great body of motorists who habitually limit their speed to well below 40 m.p.h. and who dislike the prospect of the high roads being turned into speed tracks. After all, we motorists are pedestrians some or most of the time, and when on foot hazard our lives with the rest.

If a referendum were possible, who can doubt that there would be no abolition? Is it too much to ask the Government to leave the question of speed limit or no speed limit to the unfettered opinion of members of the House of Commons, by taking off the Whips, when a final vote is taken, so that the mind of the country can have true expression?

I am, &c.,
VALENTINE KNAPP.

Crawley Wood House, Crawley Hill, Camberley, Surrey, March 6.

GROWTH OF BETTING

ATTENDANCES WITH THE TOTALISATOR

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—The Racecourse Betting Control Board has now been in operation for more than a year and some facts concerning its work are becoming clear. Early in 1929 one of its members, Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, writing in *Answers* on the aims of the board, said, "We want the man in the street and his wife to have every facility for enjoying a day's racing in comfort." This happy end was to be achieved through the totalisator. The "Tote" would offer longer odds to backers and so draw increasing business. Its mounting surplus would provide better and cheaper accommodation at the racecourses and so attract increasing crowds. Thus the beneficent process of popularizing the sport (and incidentally the betting!) would go on. On November 29, Sir Clement Hindley, the chairman, reviewed the board's work at the York Gimcrack Club. He said:—

> There have been increased attendances of from 20 per cent. to 40 per cent. at all racecourses where the totalisator has functioned, and new interests in racing have been created. . . . This year, 1929, will be looked back upon as the turning point from a period of waning fortune to an increase in prosperity for racing which will eclipse even the brilliant records of the past.

On December 5 Lord D'Abernon, the member of the board appointed by the ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, took up the theme and emphasized again the boom in racing which has followed the totalisator.

We are thus brought face to face with the amazing fact that there is now a body, set up by Act of Parliament, some leading members of which appear to regard their work as the promotion of betting. Still more amazing, it does not seem to have occurred to these gentlemen that the betting they are so successfully stimulating is one of the major social evils of our day, responsible for a vast amount of misery, want, and degradation. When we view these public utterances of members of the board in the light of the hard facts which confront us in our daily work, it is difficult to restrain indignation. What they evidently deem an innocent and harmless recreation we are compelled to face in its grim realities. We know its aggravation of poverty, its effect upon the home, its diversion of thought and energy from the worthier interests of life, and we do not hesitate to say that all who are truly concerned for the character and well-being of the nation will desire to see it better curbed rather than encouraged. We can, therefore, only regard with dismay the evident enthusiasm with which these members of the board are applying themselves to the task of propagating social evil.

It may also be noted that, despite the stringency of the times and the urgent need for the wisest and thriftiest handling of money, these members of the board seem able to view without misgiving the appalling sum spent annually in betting. Lord Hamilton of Dalzell accepts £200,000,000 as the approximate amount. Lord D'Abernon puts it at £267,500,000. It is incredible that in this hour of the nation's need anyone should regard these facts without the gravest concern.

Yours, &c.,
CHARLES STEPNEY.
W. CARLILE, Church Army.
ALBERT D. BELDEN, Whitefield's Central Mission, London.
R. ROWNTREE CLIFFORD, West Ham Central Mission.
HERBERT COOPER, Manchester and Salford Wesleyan Mission.
MICHAEL R. SEYMOUR, The Oxford House, Bethnal Green.
IAN HOROBIN, Mansfield House Settlement, Canning Town.
F. L. WISEMAN, Home Mission Committee, Wesleyan Methodist Church.

March 4.

MORE SOBRIETY

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—I have been following the reports of the chief constables to the licensing justices at the brewster sessions just concluded. The large majority make refreshing and satisfactory reading, revealing as they do a further remarkable decrease of convictions for drunkenness in 1929, compared with not only the preceding year, but with the returns for 1927-6-5, &c.

From many examples permit me to quote a few:—Gloucester County, no convictions for five years; Rochester City, six last year as against 150 in 1906; Launceston, no convictions; Blackburn, 75 last year and 152 the previous one; Manchester, a reduction of 572 on 1928; Bedford County, no resident charged out of a population of 21,000; Leominster, no convictions; Llanilar (Cardigan), no drunkenness for the second year in succession; Wingham Division, one conviction; Ouse and Derwent Division, free from drunkenness; Carlisle, 54 as against 953 in 1916; East Penrith, "lowest number of convictions for many years"; Rye, clean sheet; Merthyr, "one of the most sober towns in Glamorgan"; Dalby (Leicestershire), no drunkenness; Salford, 742 last year as compared with 1,050 in 1928.

Did space permit I could quote similar satisfactory statistics for scores of other cities, towns, and rural areas—many of them without any convictions for several years. Our holiday resorts, too, show splendid records which redound to the credit of inhabitants and visitors alike. Great naval and military centres like Plymouth and Portsmouth stand high on the list of most sober boroughs.

There are many contributing factors to this, of course. Improved living conditions, better education, and the open-air movement have been responsible for raising the general level of sobriety, and these factors will undoubtedly continue to operate. This pretty general experience corresponds with the evidence which justices and their clerks, chief constables, and other witnesses have been giving to the Royal Commission on Licensing. In view of what is happening it is obvious the liquor problem requires cautious handling.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM BULL.

Hammersmith, Feb. 27.

HELM ORDERS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—As a master mariner, with 23 years' experience as a pilot in handling all classes of vessels, I feel that you and your readers will be interested to know that I have not experienced the slightest difficulty in using the helm orders "right and left" in the direct sense.

I am a pilot of the Yangtze river and pilot vessels of all nationalities and tonnages on 600 miles of intricate river navigation. During the troublesome times of 1926-27, when men-of-war of many nationalities were proceeding up and down the Yangtze, I and my brother pilots found that the American, French, and Italian Navies all used helm orders in the direct sense. I found not the slightest difficulty in use of "right and left"; in fact, to return to the use of the old order of "port and starboard" in the indirect sense after having used "right and left" appeared senseless and archaic. I feel that the apprehension expressed in some quarters that the change will be attended with increased risk is absolutely unwarranted. The Yangtze is essentially an international waterway, and we pilot ships of all nationalities using various helm orders in both the direct and indirect sense. We find no difficulty in adapting ourselves to whatever method is used on the ship we happen to be piloting. I believe that a great deal of the opposition to the helm order change is being made by those who have not had the experience of trying the new orders. It is to be hoped that the Safety of Life at Sea Convention will not be imperilled on account of a noisy opposition.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,
H. J. WEST, Master Mariner, Lower Yangtse Pilot.

West Quarter, Robin Hood Bay, Yorkshire.

Points from Letters

UNEMPLOYED WOMEN

In the past 12 months the number of unemployed women and girls has increased from 125,000 to 367,000. At least 20,000 of these could be absorbed in domestic service in Greater London, and many of these posts could be filled by willing and industrious girls without training. Ample classes are established also for training in cookery, &c. How much longer can the nation afford to support thousands of persons in idleness who will not take, or undergo training for, work available, especially work which gives every woman experience invaluable in after-life.—Mr. T. H. MINSHALL, the Reform Club, Pall-mall, S.W.1.

LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

That the Liberal Party was divided in its vote on the Coal Bill is taken by Sir Charles Mallet as a sign of weakness; and so indeed it must seem to those who judge everything from the narrow view-point of party tactics. But is it not a good thing for the country that there should be some members of Parliament sufficiently independent to decide questions on their own merits, regardless of party considerations? And if so, where, except among Liberals, are we likely to find independence of thought and action?—Mr. F. R. SALTER, Magdalene College, Cambridge.

FARMING AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Each Government promises help to agriculture, but no help forthcomes. I do not know how far the following idea would come within the region of practical politics (or economics), but why could not the farmer be subsidized to the extent of 15s. a week for every man he employs, by taking him off the dole? This would enable many a struggling farmer to put more labour on his land, and, what should be of importance to the Government, to give money for some definite result instead of as at present, a payment for loafing?—Mr. W. J. EDMUND, Godfrees, Staverton, Daventry.

"BEAUTIFUL ENGLAND"

A four weeks' conference is to be held at the Guildhouse, Eccleston-square, under the title of "Beautiful England." Mr. Herbert Morrison, M.P., the Minister for Transport, is to inaugurate the conference on Sunday afternoon, March 16, and among the speakers are Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., the Dean of Manchester, Dr. L. P. Jacks, Professor Percy Dearmer, Mr. C. E. M. Joad, the Hon. Humphrey Pakington, Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis, Dr. C. W. Saleeby, and Captain R. L. Reiss. There is no intention of forming a new society. The object is to focus attention on the work that is being done and to enlist the support of the public for what it is hoped to do in the future. Full details may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Beautiful England Campaign, the Guildhouse, Eccleston-square, S.W.1.—Mr. MARTIN SHAW, the Guildhouse.

THE LATE DR. J. B. MOYLE

Dr. J. B. Moyle was "Captain of Lords" at Winchester in 1871, when they beat Eton on Upper Club Ground by eight runs. He bowled three wickets for 47, and four for 28 (see "Winchester College Cricket," by E. B. Noel).—Mr. ARTHUR C. LEE, Hatch Thake, Compton, Winchester.

FRAMES OF ITALIAN MASTERS

While quite in agreement with Mr. Tidmarsh's appreciation of the beauty of the gilded grounds and frames of the early Italian masters, I would point out that the detailed description of the methods of medieval gilding given by Cennino Cennini in his treatise prove that gesso was not whitening but plaster of Paris. "Gesso" is "gypsum," not chalk. The careful preparation of the *gesso sottile* and also of the subsequent coats of either terra verte or Armenian bole was essential to the craft of the medieval gilder. This craft is described by Cennino Cennini in chapters 109 to 124 and chapters 131 to 140 of the "Trattato," which may be read in Lady Herringham's masterly translation (1899). This method of gilding has been practised in England for more than 30 years by members of the Society of Painters in Tempera (the Society's earlier title). The priming for the panel and the grounds for the gilded frame are identical because the early Quattrocento painters never contemplated the production of a painting devoid of gilding.—Miss MARY BATTEN, Member of the Society of Mural Decorators and Painters in Tempera, 377, Sandycombe-road, Kew Gardens, Surrey.

IDLE SHIPPING

Sir A. M. Sutherland refers to the fact that 1,750,000 tons of cargo shipping were laid up. The shipowners still sell their old vessels to foreigners at breaking-up price, and the foreigner immediately runs the vessel in competition. Only within the past few weeks several vessels have been disposed of at break-up prices to Continental buyers.—Mr. H. H. JONES, 155, Mill-street, Liverpool.

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Mr. Hammond Hall's contention, that road pedestrians should adhere to their age-long practice of keeping to the right, seems for the reasons he gives absolutely sound. But what of pedestrians on the "pavement"? If they insist on keeping to the right one-half of them will always have vehicular traffic coming up behind them. It would therefore seem that the common sense which determines the pedestrians' position on the country road should be applied also by pedestrians in the pavemented streets, and that they, therefore, should keep to the left. But would they? Judging by the result of the experiment tried in London a few years ago, the answer is "No."—Mr. W. K. HUGHES, St. Ives, Orpington.

LINKS OF EMPIRE

I have received the following from a brother in New Zealand:—"Last Tuesday evening we heard the King give his speech at the opening of the Naval Conference. Is it not wonderful that we in the out back can listen in to such an epoch-making event?" My brother lives four miles from the public road, where the mail-cart dumps his mail-bag. His children ride to that road and are picked up by the school van, which takes them eight miles further. They turn their horses into a field and catch them again when the school van deposits them in the evening. It is wonderful that he can assist at the opening of the Naval Conference.—Mrs. W. P. REEVES, 31, Pembroke-square, W.8.

FREE TRADE AND PROTECTION

The letter you published on February 28 from Mr. E. L. Sawers is most interesting, but we fear that it would not be just to try to obtain a definite result in the manner he suggests, because so many foreign producers are able to offer very generous discounts to their retailers, with the result that, in not a few cases, foreign goods are sold in preference to British. What is known as the used car problem in the motor trade has arisen largely through agents for foreign cars offering absurdly high prices for second-hand cars taken in part-exchange, a policy made possible owing to the large discounts granted by foreign manufacturers.—Mr. J. LESLIE, The Star Motor Company, Limited.

EXPORT OF HORSES

With few notable exceptions, the attitude of politicians towards animal suffering has been contemptible, and to their selfish acquiescence and indifference may be attributed the progress of that disgraceful traffic known as the export of worn-out horses. The fact that this cruel trade is countenanced by reason of a few wretched pounds gained at the expense of the faithful creatures which have given their lives to our service seems to me to aggravate the offence. However, it is to be hoped that all voters who have the welfare of the dumb creation at heart will bear this matter in mind during election time, and will refuse to support candidates who regard the plea for justice to animals as mere "sickly sentiment" and who, moreover, are content without protest to see those noble, long-suffering and defenceless creatures so cruelly wronged.—Mr. EDWIN M. BEDDALL, Wanstead, 18, Pembroke-avenue, Hove.

HERTFORDSHIRE ROADS

May I add my quota of protest against the state of the roads in and around the vicinity of Chorley Wood. There are roads there that remind one more of roads abroad in the back-blocks during the rainy season than roads within 20 miles of our metropolis. We could face them perhaps with more equanimity if we were paying local rates and taxes in comparison with the "truly rural" conditions around us. Still I suppose we must not grumble as trade generally must benefit by the renewals and repairs caused by the abnormal wear and tear on cars, clothes, boots, &c.—Mr. L. GREENSTREET, The Downs, Chorley Wood, Herts.

CANAL-BOAT CHILDREN

Mrs. Zangwill's suggestion that a census of opinion be taken from the mothers of canal-boat children as to whether they would prefer to live ashore or to continue their present life afloat is interesting. It would, however, even if practical, be unfair and misleading, if the votes were not also taken of the mothers of canal-boat children who have already elected to live ashore. Some of them have possibly done this in order that their children may have the advantages the promoters of the present Bill desire to secure.—Mr. HUGH M. MARRIS, 14, Park Gate-road, Wallington, Surrey.

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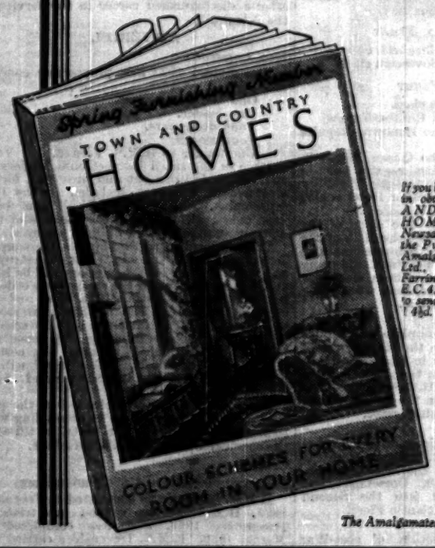

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VOTES FOR WOMEN

MEMORIAL STATUE OF MRS. PANKHURST

MR. BALDWIN'S TRIBUTE

The statue of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst which has been erected in Victoria Tower Gardens, Westminster, near the Houses of Parliament, was unveiled yesterday by Mr. Baldwin. Representatives of all political parties were present to join in the tribute to the leader of the movement for the enfranchisement of women, and there was also a large attendance of the public. Drapery of purple, white, and green, the colours of the Women's Social and Political Union, covered the statue before it was unveiled, and at the base of the monument were many wreaths, including a number from political and social organizations.

Music was played by the Metropolitan Police Central Band, and the programme included the works of four women composers—Dame Ethel Smyth, Lady Holmes, Miss Dorothy Howell, and Amy W. Finden. Dame Ethel Smyth conducted two of her compositions, "The March of the Women" and the chorale from *The Wreckers*. A small surpliced choir was drawn from St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the Chapel Royal, and the Temple Church.

Mrs. FLORA DRUMMOND presided at the unveiling ceremony, and among those on the platform were Lady Rhondda, Lady Astor, M.P., Lady Iveagh, M.P., Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, M.P., Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, M.P., and the Bishop of Barking. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, a daughter of Mrs. Pankhurst, was present, and Mrs. Drummond read the following message, received by cable from Miss Christabel Pankhurst:—"Loving remembrance to you and all who followed mother in the fight, and thankfulness to God for the victory which gave women their place in the Constitution."

Mrs. DRUMMOND spoke of the work of Mrs. Pankhurst for the enfranchisement of women, and said her love and devotion to humanity were so strong that she attracted thousands of women who came from all parts of the world.

Mr. BALDWIN said:—There is something peculiarly consonant with the English character and English tradition in a ceremony of this nature—a ceremony taking place in the presence of men and women of all parties to commemorate a woman much of whose life was spent in very bitter political controversy. We are united to-day to dedicate this monument under the very shadow of our Houses of Parliament, and it has fallen to my lot to take part in the ceremony—one who for many years was opposed to the work that Mrs. Pankhurst was doing, but to whose lot it fell in time to put the coping-stone upon her labours. (Cheers.) We are too near to that campaign, in which so many of you took part, to judge either of its conduct or of its leaders in the true perspective; posterity will do that for us. But I say with no fear of contradiction that, whatever view posterity may take, Mrs. Pankhurst has won for herself a niche in the Temple of Fame which will last for all time. (Cheers.)

THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

The great forces in human thought, in their birth and in their action, are not dependent on you and me, or on any individual. No individual is omnipotent, and no individual is indispensable. There would have been a Reformation without Luther, there would have been a Renaissance without Erasmus, there would have been a French Revolution without Rousseau, and Mrs. Pankhurst did not make, nor did she claim to make or to have been the creator of, the Women's Movement. It was too big a thing for that, and many may have claimed to have played their part in it. . . . But if Mrs. Pankhurst did not make the movement, it was she who set the heather on fire. (Cheers.) And, as is the way of all conflagrations, good and evil were consumed in it. That is part of the eternal human tragedy; the wheat and tares grow together until the harvest. Revolutionaries are made out of the clash of ideals, and ideals vary in quality as everything human does.

Dwelling on the life of Mrs. Pankhurst, Mr. Baldwin said she was brought up in a circle quick to sympathize with social suffering and with political injustice. She was a woman of exquisite sensibility, and that exquisite sensibility was one of the marks of genius, and it was a quality which sometimes appeared to the prosaic and the Philistine as a species of insanity. She saw (he continued) what could be caused by the brutalities of a certain type of callous man, and these things filled her soul with rage. It was a divine rage. It was fermented in her, and it drove her ultimately not into a class war, but into a sex war. Her fierce nature would not rest. She could not rest because of what she saw and thought, and, the fire burning within her, she was compelled to speak with her mouth. She sought one political party after another, and, failing with each in turn, she was impelled to enter on her crusade herself. And so it was that 27 years ago the Women's Social and Political Union was born.

It is impossible for us to-day to realize the disabilities under which women suffered a century ago, or even half a century ago, when women, as women, had no power to make a will, to enter into a contract, or to commence an action. . . . Looking back, it is even more remarkable that those disabilities existed to so late a date, and that when they were pointed out, and action was begun to be taken in an attempt to remove them, this action excited so much passion and fury. I think we must remember that those feelings did not arise only from a blind and prejudiced opposition. They were shared by men of culture and men with broad minds—men of the type of Professor Dicey and others, who firmly and truly thought what was called the liberation of women would be a bad thing for the country. It took a generation before those prejudices could be fought and overcome. What Professor Dicey and those who thought with him forgot was this: that you cannot share knowledge and refuse to share power and responsibility. (Cheers.) . . . The demand for power and responsibility was bound to follow the accomplishment of education.

REVOLUTIONARY—AND PATRIOT

The hour struck, and the demand was made, and the demand, like the shot fired at Lexington, rang round the world. In Mrs. Pankhurst there stood forth a leader of power and magnetism, a woman who was an orator, a prophet and a despot. The World War came. In the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the trumpet, the revolutionary died, and the patriot was born, and the militant suffragettes laid aside their banners. They put on their overalls and went into the factory and into the fields; they were nursing, they made munitions, and they endured sacrifices with the men, and the effective opposition to the movement melted in the furnace of the War, and the walls of Jericho fell before the trumpet was sounded. What if there had been no War? That is a useless line to consider. Mrs. Pankhurst lived to see her work crowned with ultimate success. She had done more in those later days, perhaps, than any individual to secure for women an established right of way. It now rests with women to tread worthily in the way opened to them. Their rights have been vindicated, but the harder part of life is before them, and that is to perform and to discharge their duties. And in the attempt to discharge those duties no woman in the years to come can fail to draw inspiration from the example and the courage of that heroic woman whose statue we to-day unveil and whose memory we are here to honour. (Cheers.)

Mr. Baldwin having unveiled the statue, prayers were said by Canon Woodward, and the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung.

After short addresses by Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, M.P., and Lady Rhondda there was a procession to the statue, and wreaths were laid at the monument. The statue, which is in bronze, is the work of Mr. A. G. Walker, A.R.A., and the base of Portland stone is by Sir Herbert Baker, A.R.A.

A TEST ACTION ADJOURNED

In the test action of Sagar v. H. Ridehalgh and Son, Limited, which came before MR. JUSTICE FARWELL yesterday, the question to be decided was whether the defendants, manufacturers of cotton cloth at Nelson, Lancashire, were entitled to deduct a shilling from the weekly wage of the plaintiff, Thomas Sagar, a weaver employed by them, on the ground of some alleged defect in his work. After the case had proceeded for some time a question arose what custom or usage the defendants pleaded. It was then stated that the defendants' contention was that the sum to be deducted was such as was fair and reasonable and not that the defendants alone were to be judges of what was fair and reasonable. MR. JUSTICE FARWELL held that to support their contention the defendants must amend their defence, and the action stood over for that purpose, with liberty when the parties were ready to apply to have a day fixed for the hearing.

DOCTOR ON PARROT DISEASE

VERDICT AT INQUEST IN LONDON

A verdict of Death from Natural Causes, namely Psittacosis ("parrot disease"), was recorded at the resumed inquest at the London Hospital yesterday on the body of Miss Lilian Rogers, aged 30, of Ripple-road, Barking. Several members of the same family caught the disease. The inquest had been adjourned in order that more information might be obtained on the origin of the parrot by which the members of the Rogers family are believed to have been infected, and of two other parrots bought at the same time. All three birds died.

Dr. E. R. Keeble, house physician at the London Hospital, said that Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, the mother, who was admitted to the hospital on February 6 suffering from parrot disease, died on February 14. Mrs. Lilian Sullivan, a sister, who was admitted on February 9 suffering from the same disease, was still in hospital. Edward Rogers died on February 9 from psittacosis. James Rogers, the man who had bought the parrot, had been discharged as cured.

Doctor Keeble said that the mortality of the disease was higher the older the person. It was higher among persons over 21 than among those under 21, and the average mortality was 40 per cent. James, who bought the parrot, changed it from one cage to another on January 10, but did not touch it later. Afterwards it was fed and the cage was cleaned, on one occasion, by Mrs. Rogers. After it was dead, Lilian removed it. That was the only time she touched the bird. Edward never touched it, but the parrot was kept in the living room which all the family used. Mrs. Sullivan visited the house on one or two occasions when her mother was ill. There were cases known where it seemed probable that the disease had spread from one case to another—by kissing, for instance. Those parrots affected at present were green South Americans, but there had been epidemics elsewhere. Cases had been recorded where people had got the disease through going into a house where there had been a sick parrot. The disease seemed to originate from a filterable virus. It was not visible to the human eye, and it would appear to be a fairly durable virus.

The DEPUTY CORONER, Dr. W. Bentley Purchase, in recording the verdict, said that five of that family had got the disease; three of them were dead. One was still in hospital. Declaring that steps might well be taken to avoid a repetition of what had happened, the Deputy Coroner mentioned that the entire embargo on the importation of birds would be sufficient, but it might be that that would be too much. Perhaps an embargo on birds from South America might meet the case or it might be that quarantine for some period would equally well be efficacious. There did not seem to be any particular reason for people to destroy their parrots when they already had them. The disease seemed to be limited almost to the cases of parrots recently imported, and so far as one could see the incidence of cases seemed to be on the decline. But what one looked for was some sort of protection in the future.

NEW MERSEY TUNNEL

SUGGESTED GOODS RAILWAY

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

LIVERPOOL, MARCH 6

The committee charged with the construction of the new tunnel under the Mersey are considering the utilization of the lower section of the tunnel as a goods railway, and it is understood they are in communication on the matter with the Dock Board and the railway companies. Some time ago the possibility of running tramcars between Liverpool and Birkenhead through the lower section of the tunnel was ruled out, but much attention has been given recently to this other suggestion about goods traffic, because of a proposal to erect the reinforced concrete walls, which are to support the traffic roadway, nearer together than would allow for a double set of rails being laid. Accordingly a decision on the point will have to be reached soon so that the work of constructing the concrete traffic roadway upon which vehicular traffic would pass on its way between Liverpool and Birkenhead may be begun. Should a satisfactory agreement be reached two additional outlets will have to be constructed, one on the Liverpool side and the other in Birkenhead, to connect the lower section of the tunnel with the railways on the mainland. It is possible that the connecting tunnels for the railways would join the main tunnel somewhere near the present shafts—near the pierhead on the Liverpool side of the river and close to the Morpeth Dock in Birkenhead.

A railway connexion between the Lancashire and Cheshire sides of the Mersey for goods traffic has often been mooted, and would be of immense value to the port. It is expected that small electrically propelled trucks would be used, since it would be impossible to have steam trains on the gradients, which average 1 in 30. The scheme would entail the tunnel committee losing a large grant, probably half a million, but they would hope to recoup themselves by receipts from users of the railway.

SAXON CEMETERY ON THE HOG'S BACK

FURTHER DISCOVERIES

Excavations are being continued at the Guildown Saxon Cemetery, near Guildford. Lieutenant-Colonel O. H. North, who is conducting the work on behalf of the Surrey Archæological Society, has now opened nearly 120 graves. Among the most recent finds are a second glass beaker, a spearhead with open socket, and a square-headed brooch with zoomorphic ornamentations and traces of gilding.

The brooch was found with a large amber bead. The spear was found with a warrior, who had been killed by a blow on the skull, probably from a battle-axe, which has left a broad cut down the right side of the skull. The beaker is slightly longer and narrower than the one previously found, and is of greenish colour instead of yellowish. A great deal of work remains to be done on the site.

From The Times of 1830

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1830. Price 7d.

SURREY THEATRE.—A musical drama, in two acts, entitled the *Beggar of Cripplegate, or the Humours of Bluff King Hal*, was produced at this theatre on Saturday evening. . . . Shortly after the falling of the curtain a good deal of confusion was occasioned in the house by an unsuccessful attempt to remove an individual from one of the boxes. Mr. Osbaldiston came forward in the course of the afterpiece to account for the absence of a performer, and volunteered an explanation of the disturbance, which, it appeared, was owing to the attempted expulsion of a person who the manager stated had signalized himself by expressing his disapprobation of the performance, to oppose which, it was inferred, he, in common with others, had visited the theatre. This explanation not being well received by many of the audience, Mr. Osbaldiston added that the parties had obtained admission to the house by orders . . . .

But we have yet to learn that in England police-officers may be employed to expel from a theatre persons who express their disapprobation of stage performances in a temperate manner. That there was no unbecoming violence of opposition in the present instance will be evident, when we state that although sitting within a few yards, and in full view of the rebellious box, our attention was never once called thither during the progress of the play. . . . Are men to be turned out for hissing, or committed to the watch-house for a longitudinal extension of the jaws? And are managers prepared to assert the principle that free-admissions are given for no other purpose than that of mustering *claqueurs*? . . . Above all, we protest against any compromise (in little things or in great) of any Englishman's characteristic privilege of speaking his mind.

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HULL TRAMWAY DISPUTE SETTLED

The dispute between the Hull Corporation and the 115 volunteers employed on the Hull tramway undertaking, who were threatened last December with dismissal, was ended yesterday. At a meeting of Hull City Council the agreement reported in *The Times* last Monday was adopted unanimously without discussion. The case brought against the corporation by the volunteers in the High Court will therefore now be withdrawn and the matter is settled.

MEMORIAL TO LORD HAMBLEDEN

UNVEILING IN LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS

In the north-east corner of Lincoln's Inn Fields a memorial to the late Lord Hambleden, in the form of a bronze bust mounted on a large base, was unveiled yesterday by Lord Riddell. The bronze is by Mr. A. G. Walker, A.R.A., and the base by Sir Edwin Lutyens, R.A. Among those who attended the short ceremony were representatives of many proprietors of newspapers in London and the provinces, as well as firms of wholesale distributors. The inscription describes Lord Hambleden as "a public-spirited and unselfish gentleman."

LORD RIDDELL recalled that the late Lord Hambleden for 35 years presided over the great business of W. H. Smith and Son, and for 19 years represented the Strand Division in Parliament. For 32 years he was chairman of the governors of King's College; and for 14 years he was vice-chairman and for 20 years chairman of King's College Hospital. At 47 he took an active part in the War, serving with distinction in Gallipoli and Egypt. He was also chairman for nine years of the British Hospitals' Association, and was one of the founders and chairman of the Hospitals' Savings Association. In all these phases of life he displayed the same qualities of sincerity of purpose, enthusiasm, common sense, courage, kindliness of heart, and above all a sense of justice and fair play that made him universally admired and respected. Perhaps his greatest charms were his simplicity and refinement. With signal success he devoted the greater part of the last 35 years of his life to the management of the hospital and college. His death at the comparatively early age of 60 was a tragedy. He touched life at many points, and commanded respect and affection from all those with whom he came into contact. The list of subscribers to the memorial showed that his friends and admirers were drawn from many classes.

Lord Riddell paid a tribute to Mr. T. W. McAra, secretary of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, for being secretary to the memorial committee, and to the London County Council for permission to erect the memorial in Lincoln's Inn Fields, where, by a coincidence, it was close to that in honour of Mrs. Ramsay MacDonald. The latter's methods, he added, were different from those of Lord Hambleden, but the aim of both these social workers was the same—the relief of the poor and suffering.

Mr. J. ELLIOT MARK, chairman of the Parks Committee of the London County Council, accepted the memorial on behalf of the Council. He remarked that one of the greatest works of the late Lord Hambleden for London was in selecting and presenting the site of King's College Hospital, overlooking Ruskin Park. The memorial would keep green the memory of a great man and a great Londoner.

Other tributes were paid by Mr. OTHO W. NICHOLSON, M.P., CAPTAIN J. P. C. BENNETT, Mayor of Westminster, and Mr. PERCY HILL, Mayor of Holborn.

Among those present at the ceremony were:—

The Dowager Lady Hambleden, the Hon. Edith Smith, Lord and Lady Hambleden, Lord Marshall, Lord Gorell (chairman of the King's College Hospital and Medical School), Sir Kinsley Wood, Commander P. Harrington Edwards, Mr. Joseph Mortimer (secretary of the Printers' Pension Corporation), Mr. J. M. Bathgate, Mr. St. John Hornby, Mr. W. F. Statcher and Mr. F. Turner (representing Lord Iliffe and Sir George Berry, respectively), Sir Herbert Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Power, the Rev. W. Pennington Rickford, Mr. Tod Anderson (Amalgamated Press), Mr. C. E. A. Bedwell, Mr. Michael Hornby, Mr. and Mrs. A. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Acland, Mr. Wm. Will (Allied Newspapers), Mr. Valentine Knapp (Newspaper Society), Sir Charlton Briscoe (representing the surgeons of King's College Hospital), Mr. F. A. Major, and members of the staff of W. H. Smith and Son and the nursing staff of King's College Hospital.

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD EXHIBITION

BEAUTIFUL NEEDLEWORK

The Embroiderers' Guild opened an exhibition of their work at Walker's Galleries, 118, New Bond-street, yesterday. The Queen paid a private visit to the exhibition on Wednesday and purchased a handkerchief-case embroidered by Mrs. Proctor and a cream linen tea-cloth worked in blue and gold by the Yew Tree Industry.

The guild (which has its headquarters at 74, Grosvenor-street) shows the work of its members every three years, so that there is plenty of opportunity to complete large pieces of work. The selecting jury of this exhibition found the work submitted to be of a very high standard. Lady Lisburne shows three chairs, a pair on a yellow ground worked in silk petit point from a Regency design adapted by Mr. Gerald Kelly, and a wing armchair in petit point on a pink ground. Lady Joan Verney has a chair-seat and a picture in petit point. A bed-cover worked in silks by Lady Balfour resembles the signs of the Zodiac. Mrs. J. A. Spender has a strip of petit point for a fire-side seat. A nursery curtain is embroidered with ships, swimmers, crabs, and other marine objects, by Miss Elsie Araut.

A decorative portière in crewel work by Miss F. B. Lynn attracted much attention yesterday for its ingenuity in adapting innumerable stitches to the needs of a Continental market scene. Miss K. M. Meade shows a baby's bonnet in linen lawn with a design of storks and two strings with rushes at the end; the tiny crown is beautifully worked in holly point. There are some exquisite needlework pictures, one of which, by Mrs. Alec Hughes, shows a plum tree with a fox, a finch, a hare, a spaniel, a rabbit, and a cock under its branches. A needlework rug in petit point by Dr. Sibyl Welsh was also much admired.

An important section of the exhibition contains gifts of embroidery, most of it over 100 years old, for the use of the guild. Spanish embroidery is among these gifts, and there are two old Spanish bridal bags with spangled ornaments. An old American tufted quilt and Irish tufted work are also shown. In a small room, where the business of the guild is explained, there are specimens of transfers which can be bought by those who cannot design their own embroidery, and there is a large collection of books dealing with ancient and modern embroidery.

Outside the exhibition is flown the flag which won Sir William Lawrence's prize. It is a bold design in bunting and shows a woman at her embroidery.

The exhibition will remain open till March 19.

FALL FROM HOTEL WINDOW

DEATH OF AMERICAN WOMAN TYPIST

Late on Wednesday night Mrs. Pearl Larkin De Maret, aged about 30, a typist attached to the United States Delegation attending the London Naval Conference, fell from a sixth-floor window at the May Fair Hotel, a distance of 60ft. or 70ft., into a roof garden over the ball-room. She died in hospital from her injuries. Mrs. De Maret shared the bedroom with another woman, but was alone at the time of the accident.

As most of the preliminary work connected with the delegation's activities at the Conference has been completed several of the girls attached to the secretarial staff have already gone back to America, and Mrs. D Maret was to have sailed yesterday. She and her husband, Mr. Seth De Maret, lived in Washington, and she leaves a son a year old.

AMERICAN EXTRADITION CHARGE

HILTON GARTSIDE, 49, clerk, of Victoria-street, Denton, near Manchester, formerly of California, was at Bow-street Police Court yesterday remanded on an extradition warrant charging him with larceny in the United States. Detective-sergeant Carson, of Scotland Yard, said that he received the accused in custody from the police at Liverpool on Wednesday. When the warrant was read to him he said: "You cannot call that larceny. I did not steal the $8,510. A man presented a cashier's cheque for that amount. He owed me $4,000, and I took this sum only, on his instructions, and left cheques made out to him for the balance of the money."

A Reuter telegram from New York states that Miss Christine Norman, one of the members of the original company which played *Peg o' My Heart*, jumped yesterday from the 20th floor of the Hotel Warwick. She was fully dressed, and was even wearing her jewels. She is said to have been under the delusion that she had cancer. A well-known artist had chosen her as one of the 12 most beautiful women in the United States whose portraits he had painted. She was born in Cincinnati in 1886, and was the wife of Mr. Booth, a well-known lawyer.

ST. PAUL'S BRIDGE

CORPORATION AND SIR E. LAMB'S SCHEME

The publication in *The Times* on Monday of the scheme of Sir Ernest Lamb for meeting the objections of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's to the construction of St. Paul's Bridge was the subject of discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Court of Common Council.

Mr. JOHN STOPHER asked the chairman of the Joint Bridge House and Special Committee whether his attention had been called to the publication in *The Times* of Monday last of a scheme prepared by a member of the Court for a new approach road in substitution for the original approach as proposed in the official scheme for St. Paul's Bridge, and whether it was with his authority or consent that such publication was made before the Joint Bridge House and Special Committee had considered the matter.

SIR JOHN PAKEMAN said the answer to the first part of the question was that his attention had been drawn on many occasions to the article, and neither before nor since had he given any authority for, or consent to, its publication, and the reason was that he had never been asked. (Laughter.)

Mr. JOHN STOPHER.—Arising out of that reply, which is most satisfactory, I am sure, not only to the Court but to myself as asking the question, I desire to move the adjournment of the Court in order to call attention to a breach of privilege in regard to this matter. I want to point out that the heading given in *The Times* is this:—"Full details of Sir Ernest Lamb's scheme for dealing with the St. Paul's Bridge question are to be laid before the Bridge House Estates Committee of the City Corporation to-morrow." That was Tuesday.

The LORD MAYOR.—Is the hon. member satisfied that what has been done is a breach of privilege?

Mr. STOPHER.—Yes, I think there has been a breach of privilege so far as the hon. member is concerned.

The TOWN CLERK.—Where is the breach of privilege? Are you arguing that a member may not send communications to the Press?

Mr. STOPHER.—This was sent three or four days before to the Joint Committee for their consideration.

The TOWN CLERK.—There is no breach of privilege in sending to the Press if a member so chooses.

Mr. STOPHER.—May I plead that this is an occasion which demands a certain amount of explanation?

SIR JOHN PAKEMAN.—As a matter of courtesy, would it not be better to postpone anything until Sir Ernest Lamb is present?

The LORD MAYOR.—Is Mr. Stopher agreeable to postpone the matter?

Mr. STOPHER.—Yes, I did not notice that Sir Ernest Lamb was not in his place. I will put down a motion for the next meeting.

The matter then dropped.

MARRIAGES AT GUILDHALL

The Overseers' Committee brought up a report on a reference relative to the Local Government Act, 1929, Part 2 (Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages). They reported the necessity of providing strong-room accommodation and offices, and also accommodation for the solemnization of marriages; and recommended (the plans for the same having been approved by the Registrar-General) that the necessary work be carried out at an estimated cost of about £400.

Mr. DEPUTY ELLIS asked who would perform the marriages. The TOWN CLERK said that question did not really arise at this stage. It would come up in due course. Mr. DEPUTY ELLIS urged jokingly that the new premises of the Valuation and Rating Department would be an admirable place. It had a polished floor, beautiful pictures, and every accessory for a really fine wedding. In fact, there would be quite a rush to get married at Guildhall. Mr. HORNER said that under the Local Government Act, 1929, the Corporation had to take over the duties of the Registrar of Marriages in the City. The old offices of the guardians were not available, and the Corporation would have to make arrangements for marriages subsequent to March 31. The committee's report was carried.

POLICE CHIEF TO VISIT AMERICA

A report was submitted from the Police Committee relative to the sixth international congress of the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses, to be held at Washington in October, and recommending, after considering the views expressed by the British Organizing Committee and by the Home Office authorities, that the Commissioner of the City of London Police (Sir Hugh Turnbull) be deputed to attend the congress, and to include visits to various police centres at Detroit, Boston, Chicago, New York, &c., his expenses being borne by the Police Fund up to £250.

Mr. SYKES inquired what the Home Office thought of the Commissioner being absent from his official duties for a long period? SIR HAROLD DOWNER, the chairman of the committee, said the Home Office approved of the Commissioner's visit, and the committee thought that many traffic problems would be elucidated by an interchange of opinions and impressions between American and British experts. The proposed allowance for expenses was satisfactory to the Commissioner.

Mr. FREDERICK GILLETT asked if the Commissioner was to attend the congress in order to teach or to learn. The City of London considered it had the best traffic regulations in the world. He thought the Commissioner would be better employed in attending to his duties in the City than in roaming about America, where his ideas might be spoiled. He moved, as an amendment, that the Commissioner's expenses be paid from the City's cash and not from the Police Fund. The amendment was not seconded, and the committee's report was carried.

AMERICAN TO BE EXPELLED

BAN ON ALLEGED "SHARE PUSHERS"

At Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday ABE ALBERT TUBER, 43, an American citizen, described as a machinery merchant, of Carlton Court, Pall Mall-place, S.W., was charged with landing at Dover without the permission of the Immigration Officer. He pleaded "Guilty."

Inspector Chapman said he arrested prisoner in Pall Mall-place on Wednesday, when he said he had no passport, having left it in France. He said he had no permission to land, but came to see his wife and son. He added, "It is my intention to leave on Saturday. I arrived at Dover last Sunday week."

Mr. Hornby, on the defendant's behalf, said he had had losses in America and came across to France on business with a proper authorized passport. He had left it in France. He came to England with a week-end ticket, for which a passport was not required, but instead of carrying out his intention to return at once he stayed on.

Inspector Chapman said the defendant was previously in this country in 1925 with several other Americans, pushing stocks and shares, and the police then saw them and told them that they would have to discontinue business in this country. As a result the defendant and others left England. The Home Secretary ordered that they should not be allowed to land in this country again. British Consuls were requested not to issue visas to them.

Mr. MEAD (the magistrate) said he could not meet the case by a fine. The defendant was a man of bad character who had been expelled from this country for undesirable practices, and he had taken an opportunity to get back and, as he (the magistrate) believed, to remain here permanently. He got here as a pretended week-ender, and remained 10 days before being discovered.

The Magistrate made an order for expulsion, the defendant to remain in custody until the Home Secretary had approved the order.

OPPORTUNITIES IN CANADA FOR EDUCATED GIRLS

A lecture on opportunities in Canada for well-educated British girls was given by Miss A. C. Franklin, secretary of the Society for the Oversea Settlement of British Women, at the Imperial Institute on Wednesday. LADY CECIL, vice-chairman of the society, presided.

Miss FRANKLIN said she had lately spent three months in Canada, travelling twice across the Dominion. She found British girls and women occupying good posts in insurance offices, as hotel stenographers, in journalism, and in stockbrokers' offices. Others had equally good posts in the Civil Service in Canada, which was open to any Britisher who had been out for three years.

As an experiment, the society were prepared this year to encourage the settlement of a certain number of girls as secretaries in Canada, but candidates would have to be young and efficient. She urged headmistresses of schools in this country to place before girls the opportunities for the well-educated in Canada. The society was now exploring the possibility of sending a few selected girls directly from schools in this country to the universities in Canada.

HEADMASTERS' VISIT TO CANADA

A FIVE WEEKS' TOUR

The Anglo-Canadian Education Committee, of which Mr. Amery and Sir Campbell Stuart are joint chairmen, have invited 16 of the leading headmasters of the public schools of Great Britain to visit Canada during the Easter holidays. The party will consist of the Headmasters of Harrow, Ampleforth, Bedford, Charterhouse, Christ's Hospital, Dauntsey, George Watson's, Haileybury, Kingswood, Mill Hill, Whitgift, and Wrekin, the High Masters of St. Paul's and Manchester Grammar School, and the Masters of Marlborough and Wellington. They will leave England on March 28 and spend five weeks in Canada.

The cooperation of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway have in large measure made the tour possible. Nowadays many English and Scottish public school boys prefer to finish their education at a Canadian university, so the headmasters will take advantage of the opportunity to visit many of the Canadian seats of learning. One of the obvious results of the tour will be that the headmasters themselves will gain an insight into Canadian conditions and a knowledge of Canada from direct contact which should prove a distinct advantage to them in their educational work here. Sir Campbell Stuart will entertain the headmasters at a farewell dinner in London on March 27, at which Colonel Ralston, Canadian Minister of National Defence, will be present.

The Anglo-Canadian Education Committee consists of (in addition to Mr. Amery and Sir Campbell Stuart), Mr. Philip Kerr, Major Gladstone Murray, Lord Pentland, Mr. V. Seebohm, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, and Major H. H. Hemming, who acts as hon. secretary. Major Hemming and Mr. Lindsay will accompany the headmasters on their tour.

NEW DEVICE FOR RADIAL AIRCRAFT ENGINES

THE TOWNEND RING

Controversy over the relative merits of the air-cooled radial and the water-cooled engine for aircraft is further intensified by a new device—a ring of metal round the projecting head of the radial engine—which, by controlling the flow of air over the nose and fuselage of the aeroplane, has added as much as seven to nine miles an hour to the speed of single-seater fighters. Last night the development of the ring was described at a lecture before the Royal Aeronautical Society.

The joint authors of the paper were Major F. M. Green, the chief designer of the Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft Company, and Mr. H. C. H. Townend, after whom the ring is named. The ring is a circular aerofoil fitted over the engine; it prevents the air, which is interrupted by the cylinder heads sticking out from the fuselage, from swirling about over the fuselage, and thus adding to the drag of the aeroplane. Major GREEN gave an illustration of such a ring fitted to a Genet engine in an Avian light aeroplane, and said that the effect was that 10 per cent. less fuel need be carried and the engine can be worked at 10 per cent. under its full power, as compared with a machine without the ring. Mr. TOWNEND described more technically the various stages which had led to the evolution of a ring of suitable section, and pointed out that it could be adapted to guide the air smoothly past such awkward points as the intersection of the wings with the fuselage and projections like wind screens. Full-scale tests at Martlesham Heath (the Royal Air Force Experimental Station) had shown an increase of about seven to nine miles an hour on a Siskin Jaguar machine, and an addition of nearly five miles an hour on a large twin-engined aircraft with interplane nacelles. A twin-engined aeroplane having a Lynx engine on each wing had shown an increase of seven miles an hour near the ground, and the maximum lif of the wings had been improved and several thousand feet added to the "ceiling" of the machine. Without the rings the disturbance over the wings caused by the engines was very considerable—enough, in fact, to render the original performance quite inadequate for the work for which this type was designed.

THE SALE ROOM

CANOVA'S STATUE OF VENUS

In addition to Canova's "Sleeping Nymph," which, as stated in *The Times* of yesterday, was bought by the National Art-Collections Fund for the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Lansdowne sale also included one of the several versions of the same sculptor's "Venus," over 6ft. high. For this Mr. E. Permain paid 560 guineas.

This famous statue dates from 1805, and in the "Catalogo Cronologico" of his works, published at Rome in 1823, it is there recorded:—"Venere ch' esce dal bagno, statua in marmo nel palazzo del gran duca di Toscana. Sul modello di questa n'erano già state eseguite altre due, l'una pel re di Baviera, e l'altra pel principe di Canino." The Lansdowne version, sold on Wednesday, was purchased by the third Lord Lansdowne in 1816 from Lucien Prince de Canino, brother of Napoleon Bonaparte, and the change of ownership was unknown to the compiler of the above-named catalogue of Canova's works. There was another version in the Hope sale at Christie's on July 19, 1917, which fetched 1,100 guineas, and was bought by Colonel Brotherton. The provenance of the Hope version is not given, but it is claimed that it was "the last and finished conception of the sculptor, and usually considered his masterpiece." Probably it was from one of these two English versions that Henry Moses made his outline engraving for "The Works of Antonio Canova," published in London in 1824.

Messrs. Christie continued the sale at Lansdowne House, Berkeley-square, yesterday, of the remaining decorative furniture and household effects, the total amounting to £5,800. A Louis XV. writing table, veneered with tulip and kingwood in a parqueterie design, mounted with ormolu handles, &c., 76in. wide, brought 960gns. (Smith); an Italian white marble chimney piece sculptured with emblematic figures, &c., 70in. high by 77in. wide, 105gns. (Mr. Harris); a white marble bust of Warren Hastings with classical drapery, the socle inscribed "Ingrata Patria," 80gns. (J. R. Thomas); a Chippendale mirror in gilt frame, 42in. by 64in., 115gns. (Dighton); a pair of Boulle commodes, inlaid with arabesque foliage in brass and white metal on tortoise-shell ground and with ormolu mounts, 310gns. (Smith); a Chippendale mahogany winged bookcase, 105in. wide, 92gns. (Harris); and an English Empire carpet with a design of rosettes, laurel wreaths, and arabesques on a pink ground, 34ft. by 29ft., 240gns. (Roffé).

Pictures by modern and old masters from Lansdowne House will be sold at Christie's this afternoon.

Among the pictures at Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley's on Wednesday a portrait of John Smith, Clerk to the Draper's Company from 1773 to 1797, painted in 1787, and attributed to T. Gainsborough, 29in. by 23in., sold for 230gns.

FLOOD IN DURHAM MINE

THREE LIVES LOST

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, MARCH 6

Three lives were lost by an inrush of water at the Fanny Pit, Sheriff Hill, Gateshead, early this morning. The victims are Joseph Nattrass, 30, coal cutter, Teviot-street, Deckham, Gateshead; Thomas Sharp, 18, of Waughs-street, Gateshead; and Michael Farrell, 16, of Church-road, Sheriff Hill.

There were about 100 men and boys working in the small mine when the water broke in. The three who were drowned ran in front of the torrent and were trapped in a dip in the road out. A rescue party at once tried to get to them, and were up to the chin in water.

When the bodies of the men were recovered a dead pony was found near them. The cause of the flooding is unknown, as the presence of water so near the workings was unsuspected.

An anonymous gift of £50, with a request that no acknowledgment shall be made, has been received by the manager of the Sheffield Employment Exchange for distribution among deserving unemployed. Plymouth and Newcastle are other places where similar anonymous gifts of £50 each have been lately received. In all these cases the letter bore a London post-mark.

News in Brief

Mr. George Howes, of Ivy Cottage, Stanton, Suffolk, who is 82 years of age, has retired from being churchwarden in the village church after 30 years.

Lord Cavan, as Colonel of the regiment, inspected the Second Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at Bordon yesterday.

Sylvia Randall, aged four, of Tewkesbury-road, Tottenham, died in hospital yesterday from being knocked down by a horse that was drawing a coal wagon.

The Sir Ernest Clarke Prize at the Final Examination in December of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries was won by Henry Lloyd Morris, of London.

A juryman engaged in the trial of a case before Mr. Justice Acton at the Central Criminal Court yesterday was taken ill, and the hearing was continued, by consent, with 11 jurors.

A delay of 15 minutes occurred at Farringdon-street Station yesterday morning on the Inner Circle line of the Metropolitan Railway, through the burning out of the track signalling circuit.

James Alfred Chenery, 41, married, of Upper Sheringham, Norfolk, was killed and Sidney Craske had a thigh broken when two horses they were driving suddenly bolted at Lower Sheringham yesterday.

A match between the rifle clubs of Oxford and Cambridge Universities will take place this afternoon on W. H. Smith and Son's range, Strand House, Kingsway. Lord Wakefield will present the Heslop Challenge Cup to the winners.

Returning to his office yesterday after a short absence, the manager of a firm of engineers in Northwold-road, Stoke Newington, met a man walking away with the cash-box. The man attacked him and escaped, but dropped the cash-box.

A motor-van laden with flour overturned in Beresford-street, Woolwich, yesterday, and blocked two sets of tramway metals. The driver's companion, Richard Ernest Lane, 27, of Stephen's-road, West Ham, was taken to hospital with an injured arm.

NEWS IN ADVERTISEMENTS

The following items are taken from the advertisement columns in this issue of *The Times*, where details will be found:—

Readers who believe in the sanctity of marriage are asked to communicate with advertisers, who are forming a guild in an endeavour to stem the flood-tide of separation and divorce. (p. 1)

The South Indian Railway Company invite tenders for the supply of transformers for power, lighting and signalling. (p. 1)

A communication is requested from any London solicitor who during the last 12 months has made out a will for Miss Alice Rebecca Clifton, of Maidenhead. (p. 1)

Notice is given that the Senate of London University will proceed to elect examiners in various subjects for the matriculation examination for the year 1931. (p. 3)

The Society of Apothecaries of London invites applications for the post of whole-time Medical Registrar (male). (p. 3)

The London County Council invites applications for the position of assistant rolling stock engineer in its Tramways Department. (p. 3)

OLD BAILEY ACQUITTAL

At the Central Criminal Court yesterday, before the Common Serjeant (Sir Henry F. Dickens, K.C.), WILLIAM HENRY O'BRIEN, 39, mechanic, on bail, was found *Not Guilty* on an indictment charging him with breaking and entering a garage at Dagenham and stealing therein a motor-car and with receiving the car, the COMMON SERJEANT ruling that there was no case to go to the jury. Mr. W. M. Bayne-Powell prosecuted; M

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JOURNEY'S END IN COMRADESHIP

By CALLISTHENES

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They do their good work in silence, hardly letting their right hand know what their left is doing; but at their annual meeting some record of their generosity is made known.

Last year they spent a goodly sum in helping former Service men, their wives or their children. Sometimes it was special medical treatment. Once it was getting a solicitor to represent a comrade who was killed in a cycle accident. Several times it was providing for the care or education of children. They succeeded in getting a pension for a man who had formerly been refused one.

This is but a small selection from the long list of quiet and practical acts of generosity with which they enrich each succeeding year.

This is the kind of achievement of which this House would be proud, even if the finance cohesion were to a certain extent official. We are still more proud of it because it is done by the men themselves—without assistance from the Store.

These are days when war memories of varying qualities provoke varying reactions. Novel and play, autobiography and film, arouse criticism and controversy. But in all the wide world there can be but one opinion about an Old Association which expresses itself in such activities. It makes us think better of men, better of business, better of life.

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Holiday suggestions include the Mediterranean, Atlantic Islands, the Canaries, West Indies, South America.

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Entertainments

ART EXHIBITIONS

MR. BEN NICHOLSON

The new paintings by Mr. Ben Nicholson at the Lefèvre Gallery, 1A, King-street, St. James's, are good enough to bear a close inquiry into their æsthetic foundation. One cannot help feeling that, interesting and even beautiful as they are, they are still based upon the fallacy which has haunted painting ever since Pater made his unfortunate remark—or quotation—about all the arts aspiring in the condition of music. In so far as it is true it is a truism, but taken literally it leads to confusion. Nobody doubts that all works of art rest finally upon formal relations, but a moment's reflection shows that the dependence differs in the different arts. In music it is direct. The moment the relations are stated the thing is done; it is not even necessary to write down the notes, because, as in the "figured bass," the sounds can be indicated by arithmetical symbols. Whether the composition is ever performed does not make a particle of difference; the composition exists in full the moment the relations and progression of sound are stated.

In painting and poetry the dependence on relations is indirect—through materials which have a descriptive fatality. However you may choose to employ it in a musical function a word means something descriptively, and however you may choose to employ it in a musical function a dab of pigment represents something descriptively. It is possible, of course, to skim off the purely musical value of words, and it is quite good practice, reacting favourably upon poetical composition, to compose metrical schemes, with rhymes, assonances, arid alliterations indicated, without any descriptive meaning. But the result is not a poem—unless "Jabberwocky," which has distinct poetical merits of a musical kind, be accepted as the typical work in poetry. It is possible to do the same thing in painting, and it is very good practice, but the result is not a picture—though it may be a decoration.

What Mr. Nicholson gives you is, in effect, the metrical scheme of a picture. He states the relations—between forms, as they may be curved or straight, between colours, as they differ in hue or value, between different areas of space, and even as between different textures—directly, avoiding so far as possible the descriptive fatality of pigment. He cannot, of course, avoid it altogether, and his pictures contain recognizable jugs, mugs, plates, and playing-cards. It is noticeable, too, that his landscapes are more descriptive than his still life compositions. "St. Ives," for instance, is very nearly a picture as the word is ordinarily understood. In any case he is right to insist on the musical element in his compositions, and there is a single dark line—indicating a path or road—in "Kingwater" (4) which would be enough by itself to prove him a genuine artist: what is questionable is whether, using pigment, he is right to insist upon it so directly. If so, one feels, he ought to go farther, abandon pigment, and state his relations of form and colour on the lines of the "figured bass." So far as colour is concerned, it only needs a standardization of the three properties of hue, value, and chroma (or saturation)—such as has been attempted by Americans—to make this possible by means of written symbols. Then he could avoid description altogether. Nor should it be impossible to train people to "read" such statements of relations, as the musician "reads" a score. But this is to go a long way from painting.

It happens that the exhibition contains two or three works, mirror frames, which suggest how pigment can still be used in a purely musical way. Here the descriptive fatality of pigment is absorbed in the decorative application. There is not the same fallacy here as in the pictures. Nor is there in the pots, by Mr. Staite Murray, which support the exhibition. The relations in form and colour are supported by the function of the pot, as a pot. There is no descriptive material "left about." That Mr. Nicholson's exhibition is a concert of sweet forms and colours cannot be denied by anybody with artistic sensibility, but it consists of the metrical schemes of pictures rather than pictures themselves. In a world of too much description it may be even a good thing that there should be a few artists devoting themselves to this kind of exercise.

MR. ARTHUR E. VOKES

Though they are capable and pleasing the portraits of children in water-colour by Mr. Arthur E. Vokes at Connell's Gallery, 47, Old Bond-street, would not prepare one for the peculiar charm of his little English landscapes in the inner room. These are, as it were, coaxed out of the paper—in many instances tinted paper—with modesty, economy, and a genuine feeling for design, at any rate in two dimensions. In subject they range from forest scenery to the sea coast and Kensington Gardens, but they are arranged approximately to show the progress of the day from dawn to nightfall. Occasionally they remind one a little of Brabazon, but the majority are less generalized in treatment and more deliberate in execution. There are 50 drawings in all, and each of them has its own touch of poetry. "Early Morning, The Gap" is a very subtle study of white cliffs in tone, full of reflected colour, and "Evening in the Cotswolds" has a warm solemnity, but on the whole the finest studies, such as "Autumn, Moor Park, Ludlow," "Through the Forest," "Houghton Forest, Morning," "Woodland," and "Forest Outskirts" are the most successful. The exhibition leaves a pleasing impression of natural sensibility enhanced by a wise limitation of scale and method.

BARBIZON HOUSE

The two recently deceased French painters, Armand Guillaumin and Albert Lebourg, who are represented by 30 paintings between them at Barbizon House, 9, Henrietta-street, Cavendish-square, are interesting chiefly as showing that the general aims of Impressionism were not confined to a few well-known artists. Neither of them can rank anywhere near Monet, Sisley, and Pissarro, but their work shows a poetical appreciation of Nature, an intelligent clearing of the palette, and the racial tact in composition. Of the two Lebourg strikes one as being the better artist, more subtle both in his compositions and in his gradations of colour. "Faubourg St. Sever, Rouen" and "La Seine à Rouen, Mai 1901" are, indeed, very pleasing landscapes, atmospherically treated, with a good deal of complexity under the surface, and yet keeping touch with solid earth. Guillaumin is more positive in colour, bolder in handling, and, it must be said, more shallow in effect. His best two pictures are of frosty conditions: "Le barrage de Crozant, gelée blanche" and "Gelée blanche à Crozant," both representing a river. It is an exhibition that will appeal by general feeling and graceful conduct in a particular phase of painting rather than by artistic distinction in individual works.

COST OF LIGHTING THE NATIONAL GALLERY

In a written reply to Captain Cazalet, Mr. Lansbury, First Commissioner of Works, states that the estimated cost of lighting the National Gallery is £12,000, and of lighting the Tate Gallery £5,000. Experimental work will be necessary for the type of lighting to be adopted, and provision in next year's Estimates has consequently been limited to work on one or two rooms. It is expected that the remainder of the work will take two years to complete at the National Gallery, and a year at the Tate Gallery.

COMEDY THEATRE

"ODD NUMBERS"

BY GEORGE ARTHURS AND ARTHUR MILLER

Richard Maitland	.. ..	BALLARD BERKELEY
Number Five	.. ..	CHARLES FARRELL
Number Three	.. ..	JACK MCNAUGHTON
Number Thirteen	.. ..	BECKETT BOULD
Detective-sergeant Whiting		REGINALD GOSSE
Simson	.. ..	AMBROSE MANNING
W. Simson	.. ..	JACK MARTIN
Walter Welford	.. ..	HUNTLEY WRIGHT
Betty Strange	.. ..	RITA PAGE
Mrs. Welford	.. ..	VIOLA COMPTON
John Strange	.. ..	HENRY KENDALL
Number Seven	.. ..	DINO GALVANI
Lola	.. ..	JEANNE PLANAS
Maggie Maclean	.. ..	MARGARET BAIRD

It is hard to believe, as we sit through this farce, that Mr. Henry Kendall, Mr. Huntley Wright, and the rest are not improvising a play before our eyes. They give, as in a genuinely impromptu performance they would be certain to give, a very amusing account of themselves, but there are times when inspiration seems to have deserted them. The entertainment, however delightful in patches, is surprisingly uneven. One or other of the players gets happily inspired, and for a while all goes enchantingly. Then somebody gives the impression that he or she does not quite know what is to happen next, or how it is all going to end. Thereupon dismay spreads swiftly through the company, and the farce flags horribly until on strolls Mr. Kendall, or Mr. Wright, or it may be Miss Margaret Baird with a fresh notion, and the new idea carries them and the audience gaily on towards the next crisis. At the end of the evening the audience seemed to be of the opinion that it had, on the whole, enjoyed itself, but then the only notable concentration of fun had occurred just before the final curtain fell.

The story, such as it is, has been worked out by means which would incur the intellectual contempt of the nursery at bed-time. A certain gay young simpleton, who has some adventures at a night club to conceal from his wife and her mother, falls under suspicion of being Number One. Number One is the head of an international gang of pearl thieves. The police suspect John, and he is arrested, for the sake of one "curtain," and let out on bail, for the sake of the "curtains" yet to come. His wife's mother suspects him of every crime in the calendar. The thieves themselves believe that he is that exalted leader whose face they have never been allowed to see. How he comes by the pearls, loses them, regains them at a moment when the police are about to search him, and is yet in a position before the curtain falls to claim the reward offered by their owner cannot be made credible in narrative. But on the stage the affair, though not even farcically credible, has the merit of keeping Mr. Kendall steadily under the fire of his mother-in-law, his wife, and the police. They all help him to add to his reputation as a *farceur*. Mr. Huntley Wright brings his most amusing mannerisms to the congenial part of the downtrodden but incorrigible husband, and Miss Margaret Baird gives a genuinely humorous sketch of a raw Scots lassie, whose efforts to save her reputation in Aberdeen are the principal cause of that concentration of fun which brings the farce to an unexpectedly lively climax.

AUCTIONEERS' AND ESTATE AGENTS' INSTITUTE

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS

At the preliminary examination of the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute, held on January 15 and 16, there were 379 candidates, of whom 213 passed, being 56 per cent. The first in order of merit was Paul Andrew Luxmoore May, who has been awarded the Institute prize of five guineas in the form of text-books for the professional examinations.

The following is the Pass List:—

F. H. Ackroyd, R. H. Adams, J. W. Amess, P. M. Andrews, A. Archer, A. T. H. Austin, W. J. V. Baber, E. Bagnall, A. L. Baker, H. Banks, J. K. Barnes, W. A. Barnes, A. J. Barratt, W. H. Barratt, A. W. Bennett, F. R. Bell, H. T. Bignell, H. F. Bishop, R. T. Blake, D. C. Blamey, C. E. Bonser, G. Boothroyd, A. N. Boucher, G. Bowley, A. J. Brier, G. F. Brooks, G. D. Bryan, A. G. Bruce, M. Bunt, G. R. Burfoot, E. Burke, C. A. Carr, W. E. Chadburn, G. H. Chadwell, J. J. Chown, C. C. Clarke, G. Clemson, S. C. Coleman, A. Collier, L. Collings, V. Collins, R. W. Collitt, D. D. Collyer, G. W. Cotton, F. H. Coward, R. B. Crawshaw, J. Cummings, E. C. Cushen, Kathleen L. Daniell, J. C. Davis, F. T. Dawson, K. S. Dowsing, E. E. Duffield, C. A. Durnell, W. Easterbrook, W. G. Edgington, G. A. Elgar, W. E. Elkes, J. F. Elphick, F. J. Evans, S. P. Evans, W. Faux, E. J. Fielden, K. Finch, D. L. Furness, E. G. Gallup, G. E. Gibbs, R. B. Gibson, C. Gardner-Medwin, T. Gray, W. J. Griffin, D. L. Groves, G. H. Hall, B. A. Hallett, H. G. R. G. Hasenok, L. J. Harding, C. C. Harris, W. N. Harston, J. Harvey, A. L. Hayward, W. N. D. Hitchins, A. H. Hodges, H. Holden, Jun., M. E. Holderness, T. G. Hughes, V. C. Hunt, E. M. Hunter, J. E. W. Illingworth, M. Jack, A. G. James, L. S. Jefferys, A. J. Jeffreys, A. Jeffries, A. Jenkins, H. S. F. Jennings, M. W. Johnson, S. S. Johnson, C. Jones, W. J. Jordan, F. A. Laws, R. E. Lawson, I. Lazarus, H. J. Lee, L. G. Lee, K. J. McDonald, H. Marsh, E. D. Martin, M. W. H. Martin, R. F. Marvin, J. N. M. Massien, W. H. Mason, P. May, J. H. Merrick, W. C. Moore, D. Mulholland, C. Mundy, W. C. Mundy, H. Nicholson, D. F. Nobler, E. B. Norris, L. S. Northcutt, E. R. Parsons, H. W. Pearson, W. R. Pemmer, B. S. Porter, W. Powell, J. Prendiville, G. T. Prosser, F. H. Pugh, E. J. Rackett, J. Raine, J. Ramsay, G. Rawlins, N. J. Rawle, W. H. Rawlinson, A. L. Richardson, E. E. Rogers, W. S. Rowe, H. Rudge, H. Samuel, H. T. Scott, J. Sheehard, B. J. Sherwood, J. Simpson, W. H. Simpson, C. G. Skinner, G. E. G. Smith, G. H. Smith, R. C. Smith, S. O. Smith, A. Smithson, S. F. Snell, H. E. Stewart, Colonel O. R. F. Stisted, T. Stone, G. Stubbs, R. L. Sweeney, A. W. Tarr, C. Thomas, A. J. P. Taylor, S. Thornhill, Theobald, Tillinghast, F. M. Torry, W. S. Turner, W. A. Underwood, F. R. Waghorn, G. W. Walker, R. Wall, J. B. Wall, R. L. Wall, W. E. Weaver, W. C. G. Wesson, Whitworth, B. F. M. Wilkening, T. M. Wilkin, J. Williams, W. R. Williams, J. M. Wilson, L. Wilson, J. F. Woodling, L. A. Woodman, C. Wright, W. E. Wright, C. G. Wykes, G. R. Yeadon, G. W. H. Younger.

CHARLES CHAPLIN PICTURE PRODUCTIONS

NEW SILENT FILM COMPANY

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

NEW YORK, MARCH 5

Mr. Charles Chaplin announced yesterday that he was forming a company, to be called Charles Chaplin Picture Productions, Incorporated, for making silent films. It will spend from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000 [£1,000,000 to £2,000,000] annually on productions in which, besides himself, four or five well-known actors will take part. Mr. Chaplin would not give the names of these actors, but in answer to a question said he had discussed the project with Mr. John Gilbert.

Mr. Chaplin reiterated that he would never appear in a talking film. The silent film *City Lights* on which he has been working will soon be completed. When it is finished he will start on a four months' tour of the world.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S GOLD MEDAL

The first of two presentations of the Royal Philharmonic Society's gold medal for this season will take place at the seventh concert on Thursday, March 13, and the recipient will be Dr. Vaughan Williams. At this concert, which will be conducted by Mr. John Barbirolli, Señor Pablo Casals will play for the first time a fantasia on Sussex folk-songs for violoncello and orchestra by Dr. Vaughan Williams. This work was written specially for Señor Casals.

On March 15, 1830, the Philharmonic Society gave Rossini's overture to *William Tell* for the first time in England. In memory of this fact, the concert on March 13 will end with this overture.

BIRTHPLACE OF THE BRONTES

The house in Market-street, Thornton, Bradford, in which Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Brontë, and also their brother, Patrick Branwell Brontë, were born, was offered for sale by auction in Bradford last night along with other buildings adjoining it. The bidding for the properties, which were offered in one lot, began at £750 and rose by bids of £25 each to £1,000. A further bid of £25 was made, and at £1,025 the properties were withdrawn.

A "retrospective exhibition" of Flemish art will open at ANTWERP during the month of May. It will present the evolution of Flemish art from the end of the 14th century to the end of the 18th century. Numerous museums and private collectors will lend works, among them being the Duke of Devonshire, Earl Spencer, Lady Louis Mountbatten, Lord Camrose, Lord Pembroke, Sir Herbert Cook, and Sir Joseph Duveen.

RECITALS OF THE WEEK

THE LONDON STRING PLAYERS

The committee of "The Wednesday Evening Concerts" at the Wigmore Hall have been extraordinarily successful in finding good things, which for one reason or another are seldom performed in public. At the ninth concert, which was given on Wednesday evening, the London String Players, conducted by Mr. Herbert Menges, played Handel's Concerto Grosso in D minor (No. 10), Debussy's "Danses, Sacré et Profane," with Miss Sidonie Goossens as harpist, and Dvorák's Serenade in E major. This last work was a particularly happy choice.

The serenade form, a series of movements for small orchestra written in a not too serious vein, exactly suits Dvorák's genius, and one is surprised that modern composers who wish to write for the orchestra without undertaking a full-dress symphony have not been attracted by this free but traditional form. The performances, apart from an occasional roughness, were excellent, and it was a great pleasure to hear Handel's Concerto played by a small and well-disciplined string band.

Besides these orchestral works, the programme included Brahms's four songs for female chorus, two horns and harp (Opus 17), and a song-cycle for baritone and string quartet by George Butterworth. The vocal tone of the Tudor Singers was not quite strong enough to show off Brahms's songs to the best advantage, but the performance was good enough to exhibit the mastery with which the unusual combination is used and the beautiful effects of colour which the composer obtained from it. The "Gesang auf Fingal" is the most ambitious and the finest of the group. Butterworth's cycle, "Love blows as the wind blows," was excellently sung by Mr. Roy Henderson with a quartet led by Mr. Jean Pougnet. Although, as the programme noted, Butterworth was under the influence of Vaughan Williams, and the choice of this particular medium may be reasonably attributed to the example of "On Wenlock Edge," these songs bear no more resemblance to those of the older composer than might be expected of a work written in the same period and country. In the meticulous care for the poet's words, which in one place rectified a distortion of the sense caused by mispunctuation, Butterworth seems indeed closer to Stanford than anyone else. These songs have charm, though not quite enough character, and served once more to remind us how much potential music was lost by the composer's early death in the War.

MME. ELENA GERHARDT

Mme. Elena Gerhardt departed a little from the beaten track of 19th-century German *lieder* at her recital in the Wigmore Hall on Tuesday, and included in her programme two groups of songs by Tchaikovsky and Bernhard Blau. Blau's songs, which have not been heard in England before, have the positive merit of excellent declamation and the negative one of being free from mere cleverness and elaboration for its own sake. The declamation does not shape itself into any striking melodic contour, but remains a colourless, though accurate, musical counterpart of the poets' rhythms. The accompaniments, too, are vague, neither serving as faithful supports of the vocal line, nor doing anything particular on their own account. "Lied der Zwergen," though too little spontaneous, and "Vorklang" were the best of the group. Tchaikovsky's songs are not often sung in public, and, although they are not perhaps in the first rank, "Im Wogende Tanze" and the setting of a cradle-song by Tolstoy deserve their place in a programme. In the others there are lapses into the commonplace, for which there is no room in the brief space of a song.

Mme. Gerhardt was at her best in the songs by Schubert and Hugo Wolf, with which she began and ended her recital. There are now some obvious faults in her singing, to which there is no need to draw attention. One prefers to remember her beautiful enunciation and the sure art with which she places exactly the right amount of stress upon the crucial point in a song. So she illuminates for us the art of the composers. Schubert's "Fischerweise" was particularly well done, and Mme. Gerhardt almost persuaded us that "Der Atlas" is within a woman's scope, though she failed to convince us that its tragic grandeur bears repetition. Mr. Coenraad von Bos played the accompaniments most sympathetically.

SENOR PABLO CASALS

Señor Casals was accompanied on the piano by Herr Otto Schulhof at his recital at Queen's Hall on Tuesday afternoon. In quality this was the kind of piano playing that is particularly desirable in chamber music, but since the music was played in a large hall some modification of the ideal domestic style is inevitably called for. Herr Schulhof was too content to be an unobtrusive attendant upon the eminent soloist. Consequently, Brahms's E minor sonata for violoncello and piano was robbed of its passion and vigour. Señor Casals himself took a very classical view of what can with equal legitimacy be interpreted as a romantic sonata, so that this performance was notable for its delicacy of phrasing, purity, and lightness of tone rather than for the strength and breadth of its general effect. Refinement of conception and the most polished execution of detail marked Señor Casals's playing of Bach's E flat unaccompanied suite and a group of Spanish pieces. The latter were all unhackneyed and included delightful trifles by Turina, Cassado, and Granados, played with no less grace and finish than this great artist brings to the most important masterpieces.

THE NEW ENGLISH MUSIC SOCIETY

Mr. Anthony Bernard has a *flair* for making programmes which equally avoid pedantry and undue familiarity. He began his concert for the New English Music Society at the Park Lane Hotel on Tuesday night with an overture by Dibdin called "The Ephesian Matron," which is still in manuscript. This was charming: there was in it the typical 18th-century speech of Handel and Mozart, but spoken with an unmistakable English accent. Mme. Oda Slobodskaya's singing of two Russian airs had an authentic ring which made them more arresting than her previous singing of Beethoven's "Ah! perfido," well-turned and stylish though that was. Hers is a good voice, honest rather than ingratiating, used with skill, and, except for some forcing of the tone on the top notes of all, uniformly pleasant through its very considerable compass. Ravel's beautifully scored and inhuman "Ma Mère l'Oye" suite, and a symphony that sounded like Mozart but was stated on the programme to be Schubert's fifth in B flat, flexibly played, completed the programme. Mr. Bernard's beat is too diffuse to ensure unfailing precision of ensemble, but his phrasing is neat and his choice of *tempi* is happy, so that the general effect is one of nimbleness and animation.

ORIANA MADRIGAL SOCIETY

The Oriana Madrigal Society gave its Spring Concert at the Æolian Hall on Tuesday night. This choir maintains its reputation for accurate and well-balanced singing, and there were no technical failings in the performances of some old and modern music. The fact is Mr. C. Kennedy Scott and the singers make them-selves perfectly acquainted with what they have to do and everything goes with absolute certainty. In the interpretation it may be that occasionally one feels the restriction apt to accompany precise execution when a close attention to detail tends to obscure the effect as a whole. But the singing of the extraordinarily beautiful "Shall I strive" of Dowland (with the lute accompaniment played on a harp by Miss Gwendolen Mason) was of fine quality, and the delightful rhythm of "On the Plains" by Weelkes was most happily realized. Among the modern works were the unaccompanied motet "This Worides Joie" and the carol "Of a rose I sing" for small choir, harp, violoncello, and double-bass, of Arnold Bax, the ingenious and effective writing in both being made the most of. Holst was represented by "Spring" and "Summer" for women's voices and harp, and Julius Harrison by "The Blessed Damozel."

MISS RUTH WELSH

Miss Ruth Welsh, who gave a recital at the Æolian Hall on Wednesday night, has a mezzo-soprano voice of attractive quality which is well worthy of further training. She seems also to have some ideas of interpretation, though they are hindered at present by various failings in style and in vocal control. More steadiness and solidity of tone are required so that her phrasing may have real point and her rhythm firmness. Her enunciation is clear but lacks naturalness, a failing which interfered particularly with the singing of some English folk-songs. Of the Schubert group, "Wanderers Nachtlied" was sincerely given, and "Der Musensohn" would have sounded well if the articulation and the rhythm had fitted better together. The accompaniments were neatly played by Mr. Coenraad V. Bos.

The Broadcasting Programmes for today and Broadcasting Notes will be found on page 22

PRINTING

"THE TIMES" BOOK

In *The Times* book on Printing in the 20th Century, which will be published next Wednesday, March 12, will be found a comprehensive survey of the printers' craft as it is practised to-day.

Professor A. W. Pollard's masterly sketch of the origin and development of printing will be reprinted from the Special Printing Number of *The Times* of October 29, 1929, together with Sir Emery Walker's essay on the main principles which govern the making of fine editions and the ornamentation of books, and over 70 other contributions by acknowledged authorities on typography; book production and illustration; newspaper printing and illustration; colour printing; printing machinery; and paper and ink making.

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Performances of the historical pageant play, *The Acts of Rahere*, are to be given daily from 6 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. in St. Bartholomew's Church, from next Tuesday, March 11, in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Reconstruction Fund. The play, which is in five scenes, is by Miss E. Wergeland Oram, and is an adaptation of the 12th-century manuscript "Liber Fundacionis Sancti Bartholomei," written about 50 years after Rahere's death. The monk Rahere, once Jester to Henry I., was the founder of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The novelty of the production lies in its being staged beside the tomb of Rahere in the church which he built and of which he was the first Prior. The nature of the performance has also prompted the professional artists to ask that they might one and all remain anonymous. Every seat is numbered and reservable. The prices are 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., and £1. Tickets can be obtained from the usual theatres agencies or direct from the hospital.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

BOMBAY, MARCH 6

Mr. Gandhi's article in to-day's issue of *Young India*, in which he refers to his letter to the Viceroy as being, not an ultimatum but a "friendly, if also frank, communication from one who considers himself to be the friend of English men," *is* in effect a lecture to journalists. He seems annoyed that forecasts of the contents of his letter have been published, and this leads him to lecture *The Times* on its duty. He says the premature publication of news indirectly obtained by means not always straight ought not to be the journalist's function, and continues:—

I know that the newspaper, said to be the greatest in the world, makes boast to obtain by secret methods news which no other agency can. It makes a boast to publish news which its keepers are most anxious, often in the public interest, to withhold for the time being. But the English public submits to this treatment because moneyed and influential men conduct *The Times*. We have blindly copied our rulers' cold manners without discrimination in the matter of the publication of news, and in many others of still greater importance. I know mine is a voice in the wilderness, though I speak with the authority of an unbroken experience of practical journalism for over 20 years, of the successful conducting of four weeklies can be regarded as such.

As Mr. Gandhi concludes his article with the advice to his readers to hold themselves in patience for a while, the full publication of his letter to the Viceroy to-day comes as a surprise. [Extracts from the letter are given below.]

Commenting on Mr. Gandhi's letter, the *Times of India* says his arguments are unfair and grossly exaggerated, and, in many cases, flagrantly untrue. The recent trend of affairs affecting land revenue in the Bombay Presidency has convinced most people that the Government is far from desiring to add fresh burdens on the ryot, and is prepared to consider his case most leniently. Mr. Gandhi talks of the heavy burden of the salt duties on the poor man, but this burden actually amounts to less than five annas [about 5½d.] a head of the population annually, and that cannot be regarded as an impost likely to arouse enthusiasm in a lawless campaign for its removal. Any sophistry, the newspaper says, is good enough to justify his gambler's last throw, and any distortion of the facts sufficient to enable him once more to foist a barren creed on the country.

** *The Times* has at no time published a forecast of Mr. Gandhi's letter.

CONTENTS OF LETTER

MR. GANDHI'S ADMISSION OF "MAD RISK"

AHMEDABAD, March 6.—The full text of Mr. Gandhi's letter to the Viceroy, which was delivered on Tuesday by Mr. Reynolds, an Englishman, has been given by Mr. Gandhi to Reuter's Correspondent. The letter begins:—

Dear Friend,—Before embarking upon civil disobedience and taking the risk which I have dreaded all these years, I would fain approach you and find a way out. My personal faith is absolutely clear. I hold British rule to be a curse, but I do not intend to harm a single Englishman or any legitimate interest which he may have in India.

Mr. Gandhi describes the circumstances in which his hope that a round-table conference would furnish a solution was frustrated, and says that as the plan for an interview at Delhi also miscarried there was no option for the Pandit Motilal Nehru and himself but to take steps to carry out the solemn resolutions of the National Congress of 1928. He continues:—

The resolution for independence should not cause alarm if the word Dominion Status mentioned in your announcement was used in the accepted sense, for has it not been admitted by responsible British statesmen that Dominion status is virtual independence? Since that announcement, however, many things have happened which show unmistakably the trend of British policy. It is clear as daylight that responsible British statesmen do not contemplate any alteration of British policy that might adversely affect Britain's commerce with India, or that would require an impartial and close scrutiny of Britain's transactions with India. If nothing is done to end the process of exploitation, India must be bled with increasing speed.

The party of violence is gaining ground and making itself felt. Having an unquestioning and immovable faith in the efficacy of non-violence, it would be sinful on my part to wait longer. This non-violence will be expressed through civil disobedience, which for the moment will be confined to the inmates of the Satyagraha Ashram [Mr. Gandhi's college], but is ultimately designed to cover all those who choose to join the movement.

If you cannot see your way to deal with these evils, and if my letter does not appeal to your heart, on March 11 I shall proceed with such co-workers from the Ashram as I can take for disregarding the provisions of the Salt Tax, which is most iniquitous from the poor man's point of view and should never have disfigured the Statute-book. It is open to you to frustrate my design by arresting me, but I hope that there will be tens of thousands ready in a disciplined manner to take up the work after me.

It must be the duty of free India [Mr. Gandhi further says] to subject all her liabilities to the strictest investigation, and to repudiate those that may be adjudged by an impartial tribunal to be unjust and unfair.

Referring to communal problems, Mr. Gandhi says:—

You have unnecessarily stressed the communal problems that unhappily affect this land. Important though they undoubtedly are in the consideration of any scheme of the Government, they have little bearing upon the greater problems which are above communities and affect them all equally.

I know that in embarking upon non-violence I shall be running what might fairly be termed a mad risk, but victories for truth are never won without risks, often of the gravest character.

This letter is in no wise intended as a threat but as a simple and sacred duty, peremptory in the case of a civil resister. I am having it specially delivered by a young English friend, who believes in the Indian cause and is a full believer in non-violence, and whom Providence seems to have sent to me for the very purpose.—*Reuter.*

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN

BOMBAY, March, 6.—Strong disapproval of Mr. Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign was expressed this evening by Shaukat Ali, one of the staunchest supporters of the previous non-cooperation movement of Mr. Gandhi. Addressing a meeting of Moslems, he said that Mr. Gandhi's action was unwise, and that he felt certain that "it would mean bloodshed among ourselves." He hoped that "patriotic and sensible Indians would combine to stop the danger we see coming."—*Reuter.*

The GIBRALTAR Chamber of Commerce has earnestly petitioned the Government that at least a part of the Mediterranean Fleet shall have its base at Gibraltar, where, it is stated, apart from the climate, the amenities are of the first order. The dockyard and harbour are comparatively unused, to the detriment of general trade interests. The use of Gibraltar as a base would, moreover, avoid the present congestion of ships at Malta.

CANADA AND EMPIRE TRADE

COMMENT ON MR. BALDWIN'S SPEECH

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

OTTAWA, MARCH 6

Commenting on Mr. Baldwin's pronouncement on Imperial trade, the Toronto *Globe* (Independent Liberal) expresses cordial approval. The newspaper declares that the way is now open for a political campaign to be fought on Imperial lines.

Mr. Baldwin's declaration that the vision of the economic unity of the Empire was the only alternative to its ultimate dissolution was, it says, an inspiration lending itself to ready enlargement on account of its palpable truth. The newspaper continues:—"Mr. Baldwin's proposal for a referendum on food taxes after an Imperial economic conference has worked out a definite programme has logic on its side, and if he can offer compensation for food taxation in greater employment and better wages he will produce a constructive scheme."

The Ottawa *Citizen* (Liberal) thinks that Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Rothermere, realizing the hopelessness of their adventure, grasped the first excuse offered to get out of it. It believes, however, that Mr. Baldwin's position has not shifted essentially since he made his Coliseum speech. It says that, while Lord Beaverbrook's "sanguine impatience" may be deplored, even those who cannot see the slightest reality in such a dream as he dreamed must admit that he has done some good in awakening public consciousness to the possibilities of the Empire as an economic unit.

The Montreal *Gazette* says that all that can be fairly inferred from Mr. Baldwin's declaration is that he recognizes the importance of developing Empire trade. It argues that Empire trade development is a problem of practical commercial economics and cannot be solved by any one unit acting alone. It declares that to attempt to solve the problem by inviting the oversea parts of the Empire to remove their tariffs and make their policies conform to British policy is a proposition very difficult of acceptance. It then expresses doubt whether Great Britain can offer this country any concession in trade without the preferential treatment of Canadian wheat and foodstuffs, but it believes that judging from past expressions of British sentiment food tax proposals submitted to a Referendum would have a small chance of adoption. The *Gazette* closes its article with the observation that it is a moot point whether Canada's wheat marketing policy of recent months has been of a character to encourage the British consumer to raise a tariff barrier against foreign wheat.

AN AUSTRALIAN VIEW

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

MELBOURNE, MARCH 6

Commenting on the movement in Great Britain for closer Imperial trade, the Melbourne *Argus* says:—

Any plan involving the regimentation of Dominion tariff policy into harmony with British policy strikes a direct blow at Dominion self-government, whereas the trend of Imperial thought in recent years has been towards greater Dominion autonomy. An inter-Governmental agreement for trade reciprocity could be based only on an honourable understanding. A binding treaty would introduce an objectionable element and less of fiscal freedom. The possibility of a treaty becoming irksome before its currency expired, or of being denounced or evaded, would strain the Imperial bond to breaking point.

Innumerable practical difficulties would arise in giving effect to any scheme of Imperial trade preference. The greatest barrier in the Commonwealth is the unshakable determination of Australians to legislate solely in their own interests without regard to the Empire as a whole. The position must be faced squarely. Australians are not cooperators on the grand scale. So far as a truly national feeling manifests itself in commerce, it takes the form of an insular hatred of all external inward trade, British and foreign. In the circumstances any project for Imperial preference would fall as flat in Australia as the talk of Imperial Federation did years ago. So far as Lord Beaverbrook's scheme has received attention on this side of the world, it has evoked unfriendly criticism. While a selfish one-sided view of Imperial trade is dominant in Australia there is no chance of the acceptance of a truly equitable scheme for reciprocity in trade.

EXPENDITURE ON PEACE

CANADIAN WOMAN M.P.'S PROPOSAL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

OTTAWA, MARCH 6

After a desultory debate on agricultural credits, Miss Agnes Macphail, Progressive, yesterday introduced in the House of Commons a resolution urging that for every 100 dollars spent by the Canadian Government for war purposes, it should spend one dollar to promote peace by setting up a Chair of international relations, and by granting international scholarships at each Canadian University. She criticized the Government for continuing to spend money on training cadets in schools, and said that, if money were available for research to improve the engines of war, it should be available for studying how war could be prevented. After her speech the House rose.

Mr. Woodsworth, Labour, has reintroduced his Bill for the establishment of a divorce court for Ontario which produced a bitter controversy and caused a stoppage of Parliamentary business a year ago.

PSITTACOSIS RESEARCH WORKERS INFECTED

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

NEW YORK, MARCH 5

Three women workers in the research laboratories of the New York Department of Health who have been investigating the nature of psittacosis for the past four months have been stricken with the disease. They are being kept in strict quarantine. According to the Commissioner of Health, Dr. Shirley W. Wynne, the discovery that the disease is highly contagious and is carried by a filterable virus was made simultaneously here and in London a fortnight ago. The study of the disease has been abandoned by the Department of Health and the data secured have been turned over to the Rockefeller Institute, which has greater research facilities. The workers who are ill are being treated with serum made from the blood of convalescents.

CANADIAN WHEAT POLICY

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

WINNIPEG, MARCH 5

In the Manitoba Legislature, Mr. Sanford Evans, senior Conservative member for Winnipeg, expressed dissatisfaction with the stand taken by his party and the Legislatures of the prairie provinces in providing guarantees for the Wheat Pool. There had been an unfavourable reaction in Europe, he said, and, in his judgment, the business policy which Canada adopted now, and which she could persuade Europe to accept, was the most important phase of the whole problem.

NEW ALBANIAN CABINET

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

TIRANA, MARCH 6

A new Cabinet was formed to-day as follows:—

M. PANDELI EVANGELI ..	..	Prime Minister.
M. VASSIL AVRAMI	..	Justice.
M. RAUF FITSO	..	Foreign Affairs and Interior *ad interim*.
M. HIL MOSI	..	Education and Public Works *ad interim*.
M. KOL THATCHI ..	..	Finance.
M. MEHDI FRASHERI	..	Public Economies.

REDUCTION OF NAVIES

AMERICAN OPINION STILL UNSATISFIED

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

WASHINGTON, MARCH 6

Mr. Stimson's statement that genuine reductions in the American and British Fleets are being achieved at London has not aroused any enthusiasm here.

It is generally assumed that the statement is intended as a sop to American peace societies, Churches, and other bodies whose agitation in favour of a reduction has made itself felt during the past week. If such was the intention of the statement, it must be considered to have failed of its effect. Several Senators have gone so far as to express the opinion that the statement is a clumsy attempt to deceive public opinion. As was pointed out several weeks ago, after the appearance of the first Stimson-MacDonald statement in London, criticism of the Conference from those who are dissatisfied with the extent of reduction that appears likely to be achieved is stronger than criticism from any other quarter. It may be taken for granted that Mr. Stimson's statement will not silence those critics. In the Senate they are receiving the moral support of many Democrats, who find in the demand for more reduction a useful stick with which to beat the Republican Administration.

SIZE OF CRUISERS

BRITISH AND AMERICAN VIEWS

The American desire to build large instead of small cruisers armed with 6in. guns, which has been indicated in the discussions at the Naval Conference, has not modified British ideas on the size of future British vessels. The view still obtains that cruisers carrying 6in. guns should be ships of about 7,000 tons, which is considered large enough for fleet or convoy duties or for any other work that cruisers may have to perform. The British view is that the individual size of cruisers should be kept as small as possible compatible with efficiency, and naval experts would prefer to see the disappearance of the 8in.-gun ships, which are too large and costly for our needs. If the United States insists on the right to build 6in.-gun cruisers approximating to 10,000 tons, it is understood that Great Britain would give way. But this would not in any way alter the proposed British building programme, which aims at an eventual total of 50 cruisers on a total tonnage of 339,000.

CONGRESS QUARREL IN CALCUTTA

TWO SETS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE CORPORATION

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 6

The Lahore Congress resolution to boycott the Indian Legislatures has not been allowed to affect the desire of members of the Congress Party to enter the Calcutta Corporation, for which many Congressmen who have resigned from the Legislative Council are candidates.

The situation is complicated by a local quarrel among the Swarajists, and two sets of candidates are being run by separate committees controlled by the party of Mr. Sen Gupta, the present Mayor, and Mr. Subhas Bose, whose lieutenants are conducting the campaign while he is in gaol. Revelations and recriminations are being freely exchanged. Thus, the *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, a Congress organ supporting the Sen Gupta faction, has accused the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee of recommending cultivators to reduce jute production after taking boycotted foreign cloth for a payment of 10,000 rupees [£7,500] from local cloth merchants, and of pocketing many thousands of rupees from zemindars [landowners] during the debate on the Bengal Tenancy Bill.

These allegations support rumours that were current at various times as to the inspiration of Congress policies, and were specially to the fore at the time of the strike in the jute mills, when large sums for the maintenance of the strikers were forthcoming from native speculators in jute. A striking commentary on this situation is provided by the fact that yesterday, when the Bengal Jute Workers' Association endeavoured to call out the men from all the mills, the workers refused to respond and there was no stoppage. There have been many statements that hessian speculators were behind the operations of the strike leaders, and the workers refuse to be made dupes any longer.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

CAPE TOWN, MARCH 6

General Hertzog, the Prime Minister, moved the second reading of his woman franchise Bill in the House of Assembly this afternoon.

The question, he said, was not a party one, but he strongly recommended the Nationalists to vote for the Bill. He defended the proposal to give womanhood suffrage to Europeans throughout South Africa on the ground that every European woman must be presumed to be civilized. General Smuts supported the Bill on behalf of the South African Party, though regretting that the vote would not be given to women in the Cape on the same terms as those governing male suffrage. General Kemp, the Minister of Agriculture, opposed the Bill on general grounds of opposition to woman suffrage. The debate was adjourned until Monday.

It is almost certain that the Bill will pass the Assembly, although there is a report that its Nationalist opponents intend to move an amendment demanding a referendum, in which the European women would be allowed to say whether or not they want the suffrage. Such an amendment would not be likely to be carried. The vote of the Senate is more uncertain, but it is thought that there is a small majority for the Bill there.

BRAZILIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

RIO DE JANEIRO, MARCH 6

The latest figures in the Brazilian Presidential election, as issued by the Ministry of Justice last night, are as follows:—Dr. Julio Prestes (the nominee of the retiring President, Dr. Washington Luiz), 867,374; Dr. Getulio Vargas (Liberal Alliance), 584,797.

The exact result will probably not be known for some time. The Liberals strongly protest that the results so far are a gross misrepresentation of the true state of the poll.

On the ground that the CANADIAN dairy industry was being subjected to unfair competition a resolution was moved in the House of Commons at Ottawa on Wednesday urging the rescinding of the present agreement under which New Zealand butter entered Canada and the negotiation of a new agreement on "more equitable" terms. The debate was adjourned.

RED DEMONSTRATIONS ABROAD

DISTURBANCES IN BERLIN

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

BERLIN, MARCH 6

The Sixth of March, the day appointed by Moscow for "unemployed" demonstrations in foreign countries, has passed off fairly quietly in most parts of Germany. The most serious disturbances were in Berlin, where by late evening one man had been killed and many persons, including half a dozen policemen, hurt.

The first trouble in Berlin seems to have come in the Bülow Platz, where the Communist headquarters stand. Several incipient gatherings during the afternoon were dispersed by the police, and in the evening, as further trouble was brewing, it was announced that the police would make a clearance. In Charlottenburg the police used their revolvers and four men were wounded.

After dark the crowds in the three main thoroughfares of older Berlin, Unter den Linden, the Friedrichstrasse, and the Leipzigerstrasse, became unusually thick, and the police suspected the presence of small Communist groups who were likely to practise their new tactics of convergence under cover upon a given spot, and took active measures. The crowds were quickly cleared away by the police with drawn truncheons, who forced them down the street. At the corner of the Friedrichstrasse and Leipzigerstrasse a policeman fired and killed a man. For the rest of the evening the streets were filled with police in twos, fours, and larger groups, fingering their truncheons suggestively, and with police in lorries and on horseback. At 10 p.m. 105 persons had been arrested.

Only minor disorders are reported so far from other parts of Germany, though 119 arrests were made in Cologne. The Fascists (National Socialists), whom the Minister of the Interior recently described as being a greater peril than the Communists, were not in evidence in Berlin, but at Röntgental, a few miles from Berlin, a number of them fired through the windows of a café in which the drummers of the local Reichsbanner, the semi-military organization of the Republican parties, were holding a meeting. They chose the wrong room and did not hit anybody, but as the people inside the café ran out to see what was afoot they were met with a fusillade which killed a workman and severely wounded three other men; only one of the four persons hit seems to have been a Reichsbanner man. The Fascists made off in the darkness. The attack was apparently in revenge for an alleged assault on a Fascist some weeks ago.

DEMONSTRATORS CHARGED IN NEW YORK

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

NEW YORK, MARCH 6

There were sporadic outbreaks of violence in several cities to-day in connexion with the so-called "unemployment" demonstrations staged by the Communists, but the police found no real difficulty in dealing with them, for actual Communists and their sympathizers were almost lost in the crowds of policemen, detectives, and curious onlookers.

The most serious incident was a clash of police and Communists in Union-square, New York, when the latter attempted to parade down Broadway to the City Hall. Mounted policemen charged into the parade, and effectually broke it up, but not until two policemen had been wounded with paving stones and a dozen of the paraders had their heads broken. The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Grover Whalen, had had a conference with the Communist leaders in Union-square, and after obtaining a promise from them that they would end their meeting at 3 o'clock and would hold no parades he permitted them to speak. An effort to start a crowd of 4,000 in the square singing the International failed, and the Communists began making inciting speeches. The five leaders then went to the Police Commissioner and demanded permission to parade to the City Hall. He refused, but offered to send them there in a police motor-car, warning them that if they attempted to start a parade he would arrest them for inciting to riot. They called upon their followers to march.

The short discussion had given the Commissioner time to bring reserves, and when the march started he ordered them to charge the paraders, who scattered in all directions and were pursued by mounted police. A few tried to storm the house in the centre of the square which the Commissioner was using as headquarters, but they were soon captured, and the riot was over in 20 minutes. The Commissioner ordered the arrest of William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, and Israel Amter, the Communist leaders.

Communist demonstrations were attempted in most of the cities of Canada, but without much success. The police intervened to prevent speech-making in Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg, and in Toronto made about a score of arrests.

PARIS QUIET

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, MARCH 6

A one-day strike, accompanied by street demonstrations, was called for to-day by the French Communist Party, which hoped to dislocate traffic and suspend work especially in Paris. Measures were taken by the Ministry of the Interior to prevent disorder, and, although some thousands of workmen were idle, there was little external evidence of Communist activity. In the streets of Paris groups of police could be seen here and there and there was some scarcity of taxi-cabs in the evening, as the drivers had been called out and a small proportion of them had ceased work. There were isolated collisions with the police in the north-eastern quarter of Paris and a number of demonstrators were injured.

FIASCO IN POLAND

The Communist "hunger-day" has been a fiasco both in Warsaw and the provinces, and the workers are reported to have been more indifferent than usual to the propaganda of the Third International in spite of the depressed condition of industry and trade. In Warsaw the Communist committee had issued orders for the unemployed to meet outside the labour exchanges and march to the centre of the city. The plan miscarried entirely for lack of support, and there were only two short-lived disturbances in outlying streets, where hooligans smashed 36 window-panes.

There was a tiny Communist demonstration in front of the White House in Washington yesterday. Police patrols, plain clothes detectives, newspaper reporters, motor-cars with moving picture operators, and a crowd of about 1,000 spectators waited for more than an hour for the "Red Parade" to begin. At noon there appeared a procession of about 60 persons, chiefly negroes, carrying small cardboard placards. They marched several times up and down the section of Pennsylvania-avenue in front of the White House. Finally one negro tried to make a speech, whereupon the police dispersed the procession, tore up the placards, and arrested three demonstrators.

In Vienna the Socialists ignored the Communists' invitation to unite with them in a demonstration. So-called "hunger marches" of the provincial unemployed to Vienna were headed off by gendarmes at long distances from the capital. The Vienna procession along the Ringstrasse to Liberty Square numbered about 2,000 persons.

Five hundred Communists were prevented by the authorities from making a public demonstration in Bucharest yesterday, and 16 were arrested. Otherwise the day passed quietly.

No demonstrations were reported yesterday from any part of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania.

YEN AND NANKING

AN OFFER TO RESIGN

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

SHANGHAI, MARCH 6

Yen Hsi-shan, professing that he is ill and has long been desirous of a rest and because his proposals in regard to national affairs have not been accepted, has requested permission from the Government to resign from all his official positions. In a separate message to Chiang-Kai-shek, he says that Feng Yu-hsiang and himself have decided to go abroad. At the same time the representative of the Nanking Government at Taiyuanfu [capital of Yen's province] telegraphs that Yen has repented of his rash actions, and will retire.

The heads of the principal Yuans of the Government, in reply, have telegraphed to Yen advising him to cancel the new titles for his forces and to withdraw his troops from Shantung, and also advising him against the reactionary elements swarming around him and endeavouring to mislead him. It is implied that unless he toes the line his resignation will not be accepted.

To all appearances Yen has climbed down, but the fact remains that, according to official reports, he has ordered seven divisions to occupy the northern section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and the general in command has established his headquarters on the Chihli-Shantung border, south of which traffic has been suspended for several days.

THE CAPTIVE WOMEN MISSIONARIES

ANXIETY OVER THEIR FATE

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

SHANGHAI, MARCH 6

Grave anxiety is felt here as to the fate of the three Finnish women members of the China Inland Mission, Mlles. E. Cajander, E. E. Ingman, and A. A. H. Hedengren, who were captured on February 3 by brigands while travelling by boat between Changshu and Kianfu, in Kiangsi.

M. Wahamaki, the Finnish Consul here, has now written peremptorily to Mr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, demanding what, if any, measures are being taken to secure the release of the women or what information he may have about them. Mr. Wang has now telegraphed to Kiangsi for information, but all non-official reports agree that the Kiangsi authorities never made any effort to save them. It is generally agreed that the Chinese Government authorities in Kiangsi are so harassed by the prevalence of bandits, and especially of Communists, that the fate of two or three missionaries more or less means nothing to them.

UNIFICATION OF SOVIET WAR INDUSTRIES

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

RIGA, MARCH 6

The Soviet Government has issued an order for the concentration of the manufacture of all war materials in a single organization to be called the All-Union State Combination of War Industry. The combination will absorb the present artillery, machine-gun, projectile, and other munitions trusts. Uryvaeff has been appointed director of the new combination, with Budniak and Neiman as deputy directors.

Another order has been issued to organize an All-Union State Combination of the Aviation Industry, with Mikhailoff as director.

THE MONARCHY IN SPAIN

CONSERVATIVE LEADER'S STATEMENT

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

MADRID, MARCH 6

A group of four young noblemen, among whom is Count La Granga, some days ago invited all Monarchists to attend a meeting in Madrid to affirm their attachment to the monarchy. Over 7,000 persons have accepted the invitation, and the movement is gathering such impetus that it is proposed to hold meetings in all the Provinces of Spain. The Grandees' Society is giving its support.

The recently elected leader of the Conservative Party, Count Bugallal, has made a statement of the position of the Conservative Party.

He said that the Conservative Party upheld the Constitution of 1876, which declared the person of the King sacred and inviolable. The actions of the King could not, therefore, be examined nor censured, since the Sovereign was not responsible. Applying this doctrine to what happened in September, 1923, it must be admitted that, whether for better or worse, the advent of the Dictatorship was acclaimed by the nation. In Count Bugallal's opinion the nation was unjust towards the former politicians, including himself. Nevertheless, the will of the nation was clearly expressed, and therefore the Crown could not be blamed for having supported the Dictatorship. What was, however, highly questionable was the manner in which the Dictatorship subsequently developed; for that it must be called to strict account. It was upon such lines that the Conservative Party would build its programme, when permitted to do so.

This statement should help to clear the air of contradictory rumours while the political leaders are making up their minds on their attitude. The end of the Dictatorship was apparently such a surprise to them that they were not ready. They have had over a month now to consult. Count Bugallal is the first to pronounce an opinion.

INTERNATIONAL BANK

DR. SCHACHT AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

BERLIN, MARCH 5

In reply to rumours about the Bank for International Settlements, it is stated semi-officially to-day that there is no question of another conference of bank governors. The Board of the International Bank will meet when the Young Plan has been ratified; the appointment of the Director-General lies solely in its hands and is, consequently, not possible without the participation of the President of the Reichsbank.

Dr. Schacht, it is explained, has from the first taken the view that either the two principal posts, that of President and that of Director-General, should be shared by France and Germany or they should both be occupied by representatives of other countries. As the President is to be an American, Dr. Schacht contends that the Director-General should be neither a Frenchman nor a German. In this view he is in accord with the German Government. The appointment of the Director-General was not discussed at all at the Rome meeting of bank governors.

It was also reported in Paris recently that the French Ambassador in Berlin, in a conversation with Herr Curtius, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, had discussed the attitude of Dr. Schacht and his failure so far to nominate the German directors. There is reason to believe that any idea there may have been of making informal diplomatic representations on this subject was abandoned before the interview, and this is confirmed by the German official version, according to which the Minister and the Ambassador discussed the Young Plan generally, but the matters in question were not mentioned.

Telegrams in Brief

Prince Bertrand de Faucigny-Lucinge has been arrested in PARIS on a charge of uttering worthless cheques.

QUEBEC Legislature has rejected by 44 votes to 24 a Bill to give women the vote in provincial elections.—*Reuter.*

Our MADRID Correspondent reports that there was a further improvement yesterday in the condition of Captain-General Weyler.

King Amanullah has left CONSTANTINOPLE for Rome, but will return later and spend the summer at a villa lent by the Turkish Government.

Four oil wells in RUMANIA, belonging to the Phœnix group, caught fire on Wednesday morning. One is still burning, and the rest have burnt themselves out.

Pending an unemployment insurance scheme, the VICTORIAN Government proposes to raise £350,000 for unemployment relief by an extra income and property tax.

The King and Queen of the Belgians were met yesterday on their arrival at GENOA by the Prince and Princess of Piedmont. They left later by steamer for Egypt.

M. Flandin, Minister of Commerce, and M. Sérot, Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture, have been reappointed chief FRENCH delegates to the Geneva Tariff Truce Conference.

The Gothard Pullman Express, a train composed of first and second class Pullman cars, with a kitchen to each pair of cars, will begin running on March 15 daily between BASEL, LUCERNE, LUGANO, and MILAN.

Two military aeroplanes out of a squadron of four which left PRAGUE aerodrome yesterday for a flight over the Castle, President Masaryk's residence, collided on the way and crashed. Both pilots and two observers were killed.

Our COPENHAGEN Correspondent reports that an inquiry is being held into the circumstances of a mutiny among the prisoners in Horsens penitentiary, in which the prisoners used stones and utensils for hitting the gaolers, the gaolers replying with their batons.

Mr. V. I. Smart has been appointed CANADIAN Deputy Minister of Railways in succession to Mr. R. A. C. Henry, who has joined a business firm. Mr. Smart was previously general superintendent of transportation on the Western Division of the Canadian National system.

Our KARACHI Correspondent says that Mr. S. P. Engineer, aged 17, son of a North Western railway engineer, and Mr. R. N. Chawla, a member of the Karachi Aero Club, left secretly on Monday in a Moth aeroplane in an attempt to fly to Croydon in nine days. They reached Baghdad on Wednesday.

A recommendation for a levy on all workers to assist the miners out of work through the N.S.W. coal stoppage was accepted yesterday by the AUSTRALIAN Trades Union Congress. A weekly levy on a scale beginning with 2s. on a wage from £3 to £5 was proposed for male workers, and a levy of 6d. a week for females.

In a suit for divorce in the High Court of CALCUTTA, Mr. N. Gupta was awarded 60,000 rupees (£4,500) damages and 10,000 rupees (£750) costs against Mr. T. C. Goswami, who was cited as co-respondent. Mr. Goswami is a member of the Legislative Assembly, and a leader of the Bengal Swaraj Party. Mrs. Gupta is a daughter of the late Lord Sinha.

RUMANIAN CABINET CHANGES

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

BUCHAREST, MARCH 6

M. Junian, Minister of Justice, having tendered his resignation a week ago, and M. Aurel Vlad, Minister of Industry and Commerce, having also decided to retire, Dr. Voicu Nitescu, Minister without portfolio, and M. Mirto, Under-Secretary of the Interior, have been appointed to the vacant posts.

As a further reshuffle of the Cabinet is likely to occur in the near future, because of the necessity of distributing the portfolios equally between the National and Peasant elements, M. Mirto will probably not remain Minister of Industry long, and will be transferred to Communications. Although so far M. Junian has not given officially any reason for his resignation, it is thought here that he resigned because he disapproved of favouritism in the appointment of officials to certain responsible posts, and because he was unwilling to proceed with the Libel Bill, which was going to limit the freedom of the Press and which had been severely criticized.

Other Foreign News on following page

CUTS IN THE NAVY

A REDUCTION OF £4,126,000

NO NEW BUILDING

WAITING ON THE CONFERENCE

(From Our Naval Correspondent)

The Navy Estimates for 1930-31, issued yesterday, are the lowest since the War. The total of £51,739,000 shows a reduction on that of 1929-30 of £4,126,000. Naval expenditure is thus nearly brought down to what it was in 1914, when the last pre-War Estimates provided for £51,550,000. Translated into pre-War figures by allowing for differences in prices and wages, the new Estimates would represent about £31,000,000, which was about the standard in the early years of this century.

The three main lines of development in recent Navy Estimates have been the replacement of obsolete ships by a construction programme, the gradual expansion of the Fleet Air Arm, and the modernization of the Singapore base. All three of these have been affected by the change of Government. In regard to new construction, Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord, in his statement accompanying the Estimates, which was also issued yesterday, refers to the substantial decrease due to the reductions which the Government felt justified in making in the programmes of 1928-29 and 1929-30, from which five and 12 vessels respectively were dropped. If the full programmes of these two years had been put into effect, the new construction provision must have risen by over a million to about £10,000,000, as compared with £8,621,626 in 1929. Actually, the provision now proposed is £5,603,481. The effect of the changes is therefore to reduce expenditure on new construction by over £4,000,000. As regards the Fleet Air Arm, the Estimate went up from £681,000 in 1926-27 to £882,000 in 1927-28, £1,080,000 in 1928-29, and £1,300,000 in 1929-30, but is now reduced to £1,267,000, smaller provision being made for new material.

As regards Singapore, the First Lord states that, although no new commitments are being entered into pending the result of the London Naval Conference, it has been found that it would not be economical to retard the work contracted for, and in accordance with the terms of the contract larger payments will have to be made during 1930-31. The provision is £800,000, as against £580,000 in 1929-30.

CONSTRUCTION POLICY

The Government have decided not to formulate any proposals for future shipbuilding until the results of the Naval Conference are known and have been fully considered. No provision, therefore, is included in these Estimates for beginning any further new construction in 1930-31. When the Government are able to inform Parliament of their intentions, a statement will be made, and, if necessary, a supplementary estimate will be presented.

Owing to the delays in building, the vessels to be completed or continued in the new Estimates belong to four years' programmes. The Dorsetshire, Norfolk, and York, cruisers, and certain smaller vessels were authorized as far back as 1926. Of the 1927-28 programme, the cruiser Exeter is to complete in 1931, and the destroyers and submarines in 1930. No cruisers are in hand of the 1928-29 programme, as the Surrey and Northumberland were cancelled. One cruiser is to be built under the 1929-30 programme, a 6in. vessel, not yet named, which is to be laid down at Devonport. Details of the slow progress of other vessels in these programmes are given in the First Lord's memorandum.

There will be a net decrease in naval stores costs under the new Estimates of £425,700, and in fuel for the Fleet of £468,300. There is £6,860 less for guns and £34,025 for ammunition, but torpedoes will cost £14,694 more. The dockyard vote presents a curious contrast, for while the number of professional and clerical officials is increased from 2,292 to 2,499, the number of artificers and labourers is reduced from 28,420 to 26,250. The vote for works and buildings, in spite of an increase owing to Singapore, makes the best comparison with the 1914 standard, being now little more than half what it was then. The principal new items are the provision of a naval hospital at Hong-kong; a new armament depôt at Hong-kong in place of accommodation disturbed by the surrender of the arsenal yard to the Hong-kong Government; and a new oil fuel depôt on the Medway to replace the hulk Gaditano, which is beyond repair.

THE CUT IN PERSONNEL

The total *personnel* provided for in Vote A, 97,050 officers and men, not only shows a reduction of 2,750 on that of the 1929-30 Estimates, but is to be still further reduced during the coming year. The First Lord explains that the total of 99,800 in the 1929 Estimates was expected to fall to 98,800 by April 1, 1930. "As a result of further economies, the number now proposed to be reached by April 1, 1930, is 97,050, which is expected to fall to 94,000 by April 1, 1931." The last time the *personnel* of the British Navy was as low as this was in 1896-97, when the approved total was 93,750. The First Lord states that the number to be reached by April 1, 1931, is one which it is considered possible to attain without recourse to extraordinary measures, which may be taken to mean that no compulsory retirement scheme is contemplated.

In regard to administration, it is significant that the Admiralty Office is to cost £21,500 more, for increased salaries and a higher cost-of-living bonus, although naval officers' pay is being reduced in July next, also on the ground of cost of living. With the object of finding new fishing grounds, the Government have decided to build a special vessel on the lines of the Discovery II. The ship will be manned with naval *personnel*, and fly the White Ensign. Catapults for launching aircraft from ships are now installed in several vessels. The anti-aircraft defence of the Fleet has been modernized, and a new system of fire control for the anti-aircraft guns installed. Increasing use is being made of electrically-driven auxiliary machinery, and the development of heavy oil engines for naval purposes has proceeded steadily. Successful experiments have been carried out with a submarine escape apparatus.

The full text of the First Lord's statement and the abstract of the Estimates are given on page 11.

SUBMARINES

M. BRIAND IN LONDON

The Experts Committee of the Naval Conference met again yesterday afternoon to resume consideration of the question of submarines, which had been remitted to it at the last plenary meeting of the Conference.

It had been agreed on the previous day that the Committee should deal in the first place with the tonnage of the individual submarine, but the meeting had been adjourned until yesterday in order that representatives of the Powers might be in a position to indicate their general views on this aspect of the submarine problem. This information was duly furnished in the course of yesterday's meeting, which lasted for nearly two hours. It is probable that a further meeting of the experts will be held today, if the other engagements of the Conference allow.

It is understood that America and Great Britain were prepared to accept as a basis of discussion a figure of 1,800 tons as the maximum unit displacement of the submarine class. This was the figure which was finally suggested at the Geneva Conference, though the figure of 1,600 tons was originally put forward. Italy was also willing to accept the 1,800 tons figure for the purposes of negotiation; but Japan, as had been expected, put forward a demand for a maximum tonnage of 2,000, in view of the deep and rough waters which surround her coastline, and which, in her view, put her in a special position. America and Great Britain then intimated that, though they still preferred the figure of 1,800 tons, they would be willing to accept the higher total of 2,000 tons as a compromise.

France apparently put forward no special views in favour of the 2,000-ton maximum as against 1,800 tons, but she made an important reservation. She would be prepared to accept the figure which suited the requirements of the other Powers provided that she was allowed to keep a certain number of submarines of more than 2,000 tons up to a maximum of 3,000 tons, as she felt this concession to be absolutely necessary in view of the length of her lines of communications.

TWO CLASSES

Great Britain and America had made a point of their desire, while agreeing to the 2,000-ton figure, that all submarines should be included in a general category, but the French proposal appeared to envisage the possibility of dividing up the submarines into two classes—the first of vessels of more than 2,000 tons and the second of vessels of 2,000 tons and less. It was suggested that in the first class the number of vessels to be retained or built should be specified, as well as the amount of the tonnage; while in the second class the tonnage should be specified and the Powers should decide the tonnage of the boats according to their special requirements. It was pointed out that it has already been suggested that the cruiser class should be subdivided in this way and that America and Great Britain have indicated their willingness to define the number of large cruisers they desire to possess. At the present time France is building the Surcouf, which is to have a displacement of 2,880 tons; the United States is building the V 5, of 2,760 tons, and already possesses the V 4, a mine-laying submarine of 2,680 tons; and the British Empire has the X 1, of 2,425 tons. Italy, like Great Britain and America, expressed a desire for a single category and was prepared to accept a maximum figure which would be suitable for the other Powers. The general statements on behalf of the Powers were still under review when the committee adjourned. For the present the question of the minimum size of vessels and the calibre of the guns has not come under review.

THE FRENCH DELEGATES

To-day the full work of the Conference is to be resumed. M. Briand, M. Dumesnil, the new Minister of Marine, and other members of the French delegation arrived at Victoria last night, when they were met by Mr. Henderson, the Foreign Secretary. It is expected that the Prime Minister will see M. Briand early this morning. M. Tardieu is leaving Paris this evening to visit the areas which have been devastated by the floods in France, and the date of his return to London is not yet fixed. There is to be a meeting of the heads of delegations at 10.30 this morning, when the general position will be reviewed. All of the delegations are anxious that the work should now be pressed forward with the utmost promptitude, and efforts will be made to summon a plenary meeting of the Conference next week.

This afternoon there will be a meeting of the First Committee, which consists of all the members of the delegations, to consider the report of the experts on special and exempt ships. Once this report has been approved the preliminary work which had to be done before a satisfactory scheme could be devised for setting out the naval tonnage requirements of the Powers will have been accomplished. The delegates can then turn their attention to the more delicate problem of filling in details of the actual requirements of the Powers. A good deal of preliminary discussion on this subject has taken place during the past fortnight. The French have been kept fully informed of all the conversations which have taken place.

The statement of American views made by Mr. Stimson (published in *The Times* of February 7) contained alternative suggestions. He said:—"Great Britain would have the option by reducing its number of small cruisers to increase its large cruisers from 15 to 18, so as to give it a total tonnage of 327,000, the exact amount of tonnage which the United States now asks. On the other hand, the United States would have the option, by reducing its large cruisers from 18 to 15, to increase the number of its small cruisers, so as to give it a total cruiser tonnage of 339,000, the exact amount of tonnage which the British now ask." If America adopts the first figure of 327,000 tons, her cruiser strength would be made up of 18 10,000-ton 8in. gun cruisers and 10 7,050-ton Omaha type vessels, giving a total of 250,500 tons, thus leaving 66,500 tons for seven cruisers of just under 10,000 tons each, or 11 of 6,000 tons odd. If, on the other hand, she adopts the alternative figure of 339,000, she would have 15 10,000-ton 8in.-gun cruisers and 10 7,050-ton Omaha type ships, a total of 220,500 tons, which would leave 118,500 tons to be used to build 12 6in.-gun cruisers of slightly under 10,000 tons each.

Other news relating to the Conference on page 15.

INVESTITURE

The King held another investiture at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning, when the gentlemen upon whom he conferred the honour of Knighthood were introduced into his presence by Mr. J. R. Clynes. An official report will be found under the Court Circular on page 19.

INDIAN COTTON DUTIES

PREFERENCE PLAN SUPPORTED

AN EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

DELHI, March 6

The Budget was discussed by the Council of State to-day, and there were interesting references to Imperial preference, Mr. Gandhi's threatened campaign, and military expenditure. The suggestion of Imperial preference in the proposed protective duty for the cotton-textile industry received almost unanimous approval.

Mr. C. D. Chari, Burma, strongly supported the expression of friendship towards the British public; and Sir Maneckji Dadabhoy, Governor of the Imperial Bank and a large millowner, said that as the proposal could be adopted without financial harm to India, the Council should wish to stand by Great Britain in her pressing industrial troubles.

Lala Ram Saran Das, a Lahore banker, argued that preference should be reciprocal, and said he would like to see Great Britain give India in return a preference for her raw cotton, wheat, and other products over those she imported from outside the Empire.

Sir Sankaran Nair, who was chairman of the Central Committee which cooperated with the Statutory Commission, strongly protested against the proposal. He said that between the lines of Sir George Schuster's apparently frank presentation of the proposal he read that the Government of India did not want it or the special 5 per cent. protective duty with which it was associated; that the Secretary of State did not want it; and that the Imperial Government forced it on India.

Sir George Schuster denied these suggestions. He said the Government of India wanted, with the minimum cost to the consumer, a differential duty on certain classes of cloth. The duty proposed exactly fulfilled the need, and was at the same time a friendly gesture towards Great Britain.

Strong protests were made against the proposed increases in supertax on incomes. Sir Maneckji Dadabhoy endorsed the argument of a member in the Assembly that the proposal would harmfully check the flow of liquid capital for the benefit of industry just when industry needed it and capitalists were ready.

Sir Arthur Froom, who said that he was unbiased, as he was just retiring from India, argued that the case of Great Britain, where the high rate of this form of taxation was largely responsible for unemployment and industrial distress, should be regarded as a warning rather than as a pattern to follow—a sentiment which was received with cheers.

Other speakers expressed the same view.

Sir Sankaran Nair, angered by the contention of these speakers that an increase in the salt duty would be a less disadvantageous means of raising money, was led into making an impassioned protest against any new taxation at a time when Mr. Gandhi was threatening a campaign for the non-payment of taxes. He protested especially against the suggestion in regard to the salt duty, which, he said, would assist the campaign.

Sir George Schuster, in reply, said that Sir Sankaran Nair expressed the thoughts in his own mind when he framed his Budget and put into it a new tax to be collected from the moneyed classes, including well-paid Government servants.

The criticism of military expenditure contained the familiar argument that the Army Budget ought to be reduced to 50 crores, as recommended by Inchcape Committee. Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, Commander-in-Chief, showed that the Inchcape Committee only hoped for such a reduction, and, in any case, made it contingent on a fall in prices. When the Committee reported Army expenditure was 57 crores, so that the reduction hoped for was seven crores, but the total expenditure on stores, to which the expectation of lower prices applied, was only 10 crores. Since the Committee's report the Army Budget had been loaded with nearly a crore of expenditure which formerly was borne by other Departments. He assured the Council that when the current arrangement with the Finance Department for modernization within a 55-crore Budget ended there would be a substantial reduction in expenditure.

AFTER THE CRISIS IN FRANCE

RENEWED ATTACKS ON BUDGET

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, March 6

In consequence of his forthcoming visit to the regions devastated by the floods, M. Tardieu did not leave for London with the French delegation to the Naval Conference at noon to-day. The members of the delegation included M. Briand, M. Dumesnil, Minister of Marine, and Vice-Admiral Violette. M. Tardieu, accompanied by M. Piétri, the Minister of Colonies, saw the delegation off from the Gare du Nord. The British Ambassador was among those who came to the platform. M. Piétri and the other members of the delegation will leave for London on Monday. It is uncertain when M. Tardieu will follow. The visit to the flooded area is expected to last till Monday morning.

The crisis being over for the time being, the Chamber met this afternoon to take up the Budget again at the point where it was dropped 17 days ago. Because of the time lost by the party quarrels of the past three weeks, financial legislation is seriously in arrears, and the Chamber is to be asked to sit all day to-morrow, on Saturday morning, and on Monday afternoon. On the other days of the week sittings will be held both in the morning and the afternoon. In this way it is hoped to pass the remaining clauses in time for the Budget to be discussed in the Senate and passed by both Houses before the end of the financial year, which now comes on March 31.

The striking victory of M. Tardieu and his supporters on yesterday's vote of confidence has by no means damped the ardour of his Socialist and Socialist-Radical opponents. Although the speakers for both parties in yesterday's debate had declared that the issue must be decisive and final, to-day's comments in the newspapers of the Left make it clear that the struggle is to be carried on and that M. Tardieu will be required to fight every inch of the way.

The resumed debate in the Chamber to-day certainly showed no weakening on the part of the Left. The paragraph which led to the vote that brought down M. Tardieu's former Administration was accepted by M. Germain Martin, the Budget Minister, without a murmur amid Radical cheers and gibes; but a proposal to reduce from 5 to 1 per cent. the tax on the sale of real property, as recommended by the Finance Committee, was opposed by the Minister, who offered 3 per cent. The Socialists reminded him that M. Tardieu, in his declaration yesterday, had agreed to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee and protested that they were being tricked. It became clear that a division on the Socialist motion to refer the clause back was inevitable. The news of this early collision brought Deputies flocking to the Chamber. The Government, however, refused to make it a question of confidence, which was just as well, as the Socialist motion was carried by 303 votes to 266. Although the result was without political value, the parties of the Left demonstrated their satisfaction at the result.

THE FRENCH FLOODS

10,000 HOMELESS

MESSAGE FROM THE KING

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, March 6

According to the latest estimates, at least 400 people have lost their lives in the floods in Southern and South-Western France; in some quarters the figure is put as high as 700. Some time must pass before the complete toll can be known, for in the inevitable confusion of a disaster on such a scale little light can be thrown on the fate of individuals and even of families. Moreover, the chief immediate concern of the rescuers is for the living. Of the material damage no more can be said than that it is enormous and only to be measured by hundreds of millions of francs. Fifteen hundred houses are reported to have been completely destroyed, and not fewer than 10,000 people are homeless.

The following message of condolence and sympathy has been received by M. Doumergue, the President of the Republic, from the King:—

"I have learned with the deepest concern of the disastrous inundations which have desolated such wide areas in the south and south-west of France, and I hasten to express to you, Monsieur le Président, my profound sympathy with the victims, and particularly with those who have suffered bereavement through the deplorable loss of life which this calamity has caused.—GEORGE R.I."

The British Ambassador in Paris has conveyed a similar message from the British Government to the French Government.

M. Doumergue, who has made a personal gift of 20,000fr. [£160] for the relief of bereaved families, and M. Tardieu, the Prime Minister, are to leave Paris tomorrow evening for the flooded area in order to make a personal investigation of conditions there. They will go first to Montauban, and will join M. Pernot, Minister of Public Works, who has already assumed charge of the work of rescue and relief.

STRICKEN TOWNS

With the exception still of the Garonne Valley, where the swollen river is now in flood as far as Barsac, the general subsidence continues. As the level of the water drops the extent of the damage becomes more and more apparent, and additions to the tale of deaths and suffering become known. The full force of the blow seems to have been shared with Montauban by the town of Moissac, where, at the lowest estimate, over 150 people were drowned and 2,000 rendered homeless, whole streets being demolished. At Montauban the whole of the quarter on the left bank of the Tarn has been destroyed; here, according to one account, 300 to 400 people were drowned, many of them trapped in their falling houses and now lying buried in the wreckage.

The large number of the deaths was due for the most part to the extreme violence and suddenness of the floods. An inhabitant of Moissac, describing his experiences, said:—

In five minutes the place was a roaring torrent, with waves 3ft. high. Between 11.30 p.m. and midnight on Monday the Tarn had burst its banks and engulfed the quarters of Sainte Benoît, Sainte Blanche, and Poumel. By 4 in the morning everything had been laid flat, houses collapsing in rapid succession with a noise like gunfire. I saw one man struggling desperately to save his daughter. Finally he had to let her go; a few moments later he himself was struck on the head and killed by a beam.

He concludes by a tribute to the devotion and courage shown by a group of Senegalese soldiers, who worked day and night saving many lives and making comfortable those who had been rescued. The one bright feature of the calamity seems everywhere to have been the courage and endurance of both rescuers and rescued. Several lives were lost in the efforts to save others. Only one case of looting—at Montauban—has been recorded, the two offenders being instantly tried and sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment.

WORK OF RELIEF

No clear indication of the general lines of the Government's relief policy has yet been given. Large numbers of troops and State employees are at work cooperating with many volunteers. For the moment the immediate task of rescue has still to be completed in many districts. But the secondary problems of maintenance have already been taken in hand, and will no doubt take more definite shape after the return of the President and Prime Minister from the affected regions. In a statement before the Senate this evening, M. Tardieu said that the first concern of the Government was that of the human problems caused by the disaster. Everything was being done both by independent action and by cooperation with the local authorities. Special attention was being paid to the prevention of epidemics.

It is impossible as yet to estimate the full extent of the damage to communications alone; road services have been ruined, bridges and culverts washed away, and enormous stretches of railway have completely disappeared. Even the most hasty and temporary repairs cannot be made in less than two months, while it is said that more than a year will be needed in order to restore certain parts of the railways.

M. Doumergue has received a message of sympathy also from the King of Spain, stating that if Spain can be of any assistance in the affected regions the King and the Government "are always ready to show the interest inspired in them by France."

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THE INVALIDS

It was stated yesterday that the Duke of Buccleuch had had a very good day, and that his progress was favourable.

Lady Stradbroke had a fair day yesterday, and was reported to be going on satisfactorily.

It was reported in London yesterday that Dr. Nansen, the Polar explorer, is lying ill at his home in Norway. In consequence the lecture on "The Aims and Objects of the Aeroarctic," which he was to have delivered to the Royal Meteorological Society in London on March 14, has been postponed.

Mr. Robert Courtneidge was reported to be a little better last night, but still very weak.

COMPANY MEETINGS

Reports of the following meetings appear in our City Pages:—

Courtaulds, Limited.
Friars Investment Trust.
Prudential Assurance Company.
Henry C. Stephens, Limited.

PERSECUTION IN RUSSIA

PRAYERS AT PARADE SERVICES

LORDS' CRITICISM OF ORDERS

WESTMINSTER, Thursday

The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons to-day that the method of consultation appeared likely to settle the controversy upon the orders forbidding at parade services intercessory prayers for victims of religious persecution in Russia upon the lines that such prayers could be offered at voluntary services or partly civilian services.

That was the end of the matter in the Commons; but it was hotly taken up in the Lords by the Duke of Atholl on a formal motion for papers. He denounced in unbridled terms the "gross stupidity" of the Government, whose action had fulfilled their own fear that the question might become political. He assumed that the refusal to publish the report of the British Ambassador in Moscow meant that the report proved the guilt of the Soviet Government. He assumed that the order to the Services was a direct fiat of the Government issued without consultation with the chiefs of those Services or with the chaplains. He pictured soldiers whose feelings moved them to prayer being charged with insubordination and mutiny. Permission to hold voluntary services implied belief that there were soldiers who approved torture in Russia, and who might not want to intercede for the tortured.

Lord Thomson seized his chance to condemn exaggeration, but proceeded to what sounded very like special pleading. Prayers at compulsory parade services would be a direct, official accusation, under guise of a religious protest, against a Government with whom we were trying to establish friendly relations. They would, in fact, be anti-Soviet propaganda. He then explained that small detachments attending the local chapel would be allowed to assist at this undiplomatic act. He admitted that orders had been issued by the Cabinet through the Service Departments and that the chaplains had not been consulted, but claimed that any Government, given the determination to establish relations with Soviet Russia, must have followed the same course.

PRIMATE'S CRITICISM

The Archbishop of Canterbury refused to be associated with the Duke of Atholl's manner, but tore the Government's defence to pieces *seriatim*. He pointed out that he himself had waited before enjoining these prayers until no charge of political bias could be brought against his action. The leaders of the Free Churches and the Pope himself, who had followed the same course, could hardly be suspected of secret political motives. The form of prayer which he had suggested reflected spontaneous human sympathy for suffering, and nothing more. It was such as even Lord Thomson might repeat without fear of being mistaken for a politician, and the Government was called upon neither to invent nor prevent.

They had gratuitously invested these prayers with a political character quite alien to them. They had given the Soviet Government the excuse to dismiss the prayers as uninspired by any but political feeling. They had quite needlessly raised the delicate question of the relations between spiritual and lay authorities in regard to the services by issuing orders concerning these prayers without consulting any of the Church authorities. It would have been easy to avoid any anxiety by giving chaplains a hint, through their spiritual chiefs, that the offering up of the prayers should not be made subject to misconception.

THE BEST WAY OUT

The Government therefore had involved themselves in unnecessary trouble, but he acknowledged that, having done so, the Prime Minister had shown himself eager to take the best way out, by making the distinction between voluntary and parade services. He insisted, however, that permission for paraded soldiers to hear the prayers, if they were only part of a civilian congregation, should be further defined. How far would the Government contradict their own principle in fact if not in admission? When they had made that clear, the matter could be dropped.

The forceful logic of this speech deeply impressed the House, and, while clearly condemning an error of judgment, offered a wise compromise. Lord Parmoor hastened to seize it by confirming full permission to offer the prayers at services in other than garrison churches, and the Duke of Atholl followed the Archbishop's advice not to labour the point further.

MERTON AND PETERHOUSE

"CLOSER RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE COLLEGES

At a meeting held on February 22, the Warden and Fellows of Merton College, Oxford, resolved, "That, in view of the ancient historic connexion between this College and Peterhouse, Cambridge, it is desirable that closer relations between the colleges should be established; that, in order to establish such relations, the Master and Fellows of Peterhouse be elected honorary members of Common Room, with all the privileges belonging to such membership."

The Governing Body of Peterhouse, Cambridge, on receiving this resolution at their meeting on February 24, resolved, "That this body has the honour to accept such honorary membership, and to invite the Warden and Fellows of Merton College to accept the like honorary membership of the Peterhouse Combination Room and High Table."

A correspondent writes:—

The two colleges which have thus agreed, as the Greeks would have said, ἑκατέρωθεν καλέσαι τοὺς πρέσβεις ἐπὶ ξένια εἰς τὸ πρυτανεῖον, are the oldest in their respective Universities. Walter de Merton established a community of scholars at Oxford in 1264, and gave it its third and final body of statutes in 1274. Hugh de Balsham obtained a charter for scholars in Cambridge in 1280, and his "House of St. Peter" was incorporated in 1284. Not only were the colleges almost contemporaries in time; they had also another and a closer connexion. Hugh de Balsham, Bishop of Ely, was willing to learn from the experience and the wisdom of his brother of Rochester, and he ordained that his scholars should be guided *secundum regulam scolarium Oxonie qui de Merton cognominantur*. Peterhouse, which paid Merton the sincerest form of compliment in its power 650 years ago, has now received, and has hastened to reciprocate, a gracious counter-compliment.

BANK RATE REDUCED

FOUR PER CENT.

The Bank of England yesterday reduced its minimum rate of discount from 4½ to 4 per cent. The rate has not previously been so low since December 2, 1925, and in the intervening period it has been as high as 6½ per cent. That level was current as recently as October 30, 1929, since when five successive reductions of ½ per cent. have now been made. It will be recalled that a 6½ per cent. rate was found necessary as a result of the world-wide movement of funds to the United States, due to the great "boom" on the New York Stock Exchange; that "boom" collapsed last October, and money has been steadily becoming easier since in most financial centres of the world. How this and other factors have affected the monetary position, is explained in our "City Notes."

Yesterday's movement had to some extent been anticipated on the Stock Exchange, which remained in cheerful mood, gilt-edged securities particularly showing strength. There was no substantial addition to the volume of business, however, which remained small. The reduction in the Bank rate had also been largely allowed for in advance in the Money Market, and open market discount rates, which had previously got out of touch with the official minimum, declined only slightly. The lowering of the Bank rate had little effect on the exchanges. It is true that the Swiss rate moved against this country, but the French and German exchanges showed little change, and the New York rate, influenced by anticipations of a reduction in the Bank rate there, which, however, did not take place, actually moved in favour of sterling.

DEATH OF VON TIRPITZ

GERMAN TRIBUTES

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS)

MUNICH, March 6

Grand Admiral von Tirpitz died of heart failure at the sanatorium in Ebenhausen, near Munich, at 7 o'clock this morning, in his 81st year. The Admiral, who has been suffering from heart trouble, had been staying with Frau von Tirpitz during the last few weeks at Ebenhausen, where he was undergoing treatment.

President von Hindenburg has sent a telegram to Frau von Tirpitz saying that he is deeply moved by the news of the death of her husband, whom he esteemed very highly, and expresses his very deep sympathy with her and the family. The Grand Admiral's great services to the German Navy in peace and in war will, he adds, live on in the history of Germany's armed forces.

The tributes paid from all quarters to-day agree in recognizing the deep and sincere patriotism of Admiral von Tirpitz and the importance of his influence on German history, though opinions differ on the wisdom of his policies. There appear to be few Germans, whatever their political outlook, who do not look back with some gratitude to his services in making them a seagoing nation, and, by building up a strong navy, enabling them to develop a great mercantile marine and colonial possessions, despite the catastrophe to which the political guidance of these developments led them. It is widely described as the tragedy of his life that he was not allowed to command in the War the fleet he had been largely instrumental in creating, and that his advocacy of more active use of it was disregarded. His lament that "the German people have never understood the sea" is quoted. The Nationalist view is that his policy was right, but was spoiled by the politicians; the Socialist-Democratic view is rather that the fate of Germany was sealed from the passage of the first Big Navy Bill. Critical commentators recall that he himself, by concentrating on the development of a "parade fleet" of battleships, had stunted the growth of the submarine arm whose campaign he supported with such vehemence in 1916.

LORD GLADSTONE

As was announced in our later editions yesterday, Viscount Gladstone, the first Governor-General of the Union of South Africa, died at his residence, Dane End, Ware, early yesterday morning, at the age of 76.

Lady Gladstone received the following telegram from the King yesterday:—

The Queen and I deeply sympathize with you in the death of Lord Gladstone, who was so well known to us for many years and who rendered such distinguished service to the Empire.

The Earl of Athlone, Governor-General, on behalf of the people of South Africa and of Princess Alice and himself, has sent a telegram of sympathy to Lady Gladstone. General Hertzog, Prime Minister of the Union, and General Smuts have also sent messages, and the Belgian Government has instructed the Belgian Ambassador in London to convey its sympathy to the British Government and to Lord Gladstone's family. The Bulgarian Minister has sent a message of sincere condolence.

The funeral will be at Dane End on Tuesday.

Our Cannes Correspondent telegraphs that Sir William Henry Milton, formerly Administrator of Southern Rhodesia, died, after a long illness, at Cannes yesterday. Lady Milton was with him. The funeral will be at Cannes to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

A Reuter telegram from New York says:—The death in Japan is announced in a cablegram to his daughter of Dr. Arthur T. Hadley, President Emeritus of Yale University.

We have also to announce the death of Major-General Sir George Barker, Colonel Commandant, R.E.

(Memoirs appear on p. 21.)

PRUDENTIAL CHAIRMAN ON INDUSTRY

Reviewing the work of the Prudential Assurance Company at the annual meeting yesterday, Sir Edgar Horne, the chairman, said that the company continued to progress, although the general economic conditions of the country had not yet shown the improvement for which, for some time, all had been hoping. The management believed that some improvement would eventually take place, but precedent to its accomplishment a new spirit of confidence and enterprise in the country must arise. The revival of industry required a very large outlay of capital, which would not be forthcoming until the present uncertainty as to the course of future legislation was removed.

The speech is fully reported in our City columns, where comment is also made.

NEW GOVERNOR OF MAURITIUS

The Colonial Office announces that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. Wilfrid Edward Francis Jackson, Colonial Secretary of the Gold Coast, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Mauritius, in succession to Sir Herbert James Read, who is retiring.

Mr. Jackson was appointed Colonial Secretary of the Gold Coast in May last year. He had previously held a similar appointment in Trinidad.

POLITICAL NOTES

AMENDMENTS TO THE COAL BILL

MINISTERS' TROUBLES NOT ENDED

Though the amendment to delete the quota provisions from the Coal Mines Bill was defeated last week by the narrow majority of nine, the Government are by no means at the end of their troubles on the measure. The Prime Minister announced yesterday that the Committee stage would be continued next Tuesday, and it is expected that at least three divisions, and possibly four, may prove difficult for the Government. The first of these is likely to take place on a Liberal amendment to be moved by Mr. Clement Davies to Clause 2, providing that "no allocation of maximum output, nor any restriction in this Act contained in respect thereof, shall operate or take effect so as to hamper or restrict the production and sale of coal or coke destined for export overseas."

The second amendment will be moved by Colonel Lane-Fox, and its object is to omit from the Bill the provisions for a central levy. Both these amendments will probably be supported by the majority of Conservative and Liberal members. If Colonel Lane-Fox's proposal is not carried, the Liberals will endeavour to reduce the total of central and district levies to 3d. a ton on output. Another important amendment stands in the names of Mr. Runciman, Sir Burton Chadwick, and other Liberal and Conservative members. It provides that the levy shall not be used "to facilitate the sale of any coal to be exported at a less price than is charged for such class of coal for bunkering ships."

The Trade Union group of members in the House of Commons met yesterday, and it was expected that they would receive the deputation appointed by the committee of Labour members interested in education to hear their views on the future progress of the Bill for the raising of the school-leaving age. It is understood, however, that the deputation was not received, as it was reported to the Trade Union group that the deputation had seen the Party Executive on Wednesday, and that the position had been fully explained to them. It was felt that there was no difference between the two groups, and, therefore, that no useful purpose could be served by meeting the deputation, as the Bill for the raising of the school-leaving age would be passed into law this Session if possible. The final decision rested, of course, with the Government. It is understood that those supporters of the Government who take the view that this Bill should have priority over the Trade Disputes Bill are as much dissatisfied with this attitude as they were with the Prime Minister's recent letter stating that he did not think any useful purpose could be served by his seeing the deputation. The second reading of the School Attendance Bill, he said, was purely a matter of Parliamentary time, and at present he could not see his way to find time for the second reading this Session.

The Opposed Bill Committee of the House of Lords which has been appointed to consider the Wakefield Corporation Bill will meet next Wednesday. It is not expected that the proceedings will last for more than one day. Lord Atkin is the chairman of the Committee, and the other members are Lord Desart, Lord Halsbury, Lord Monk Bretton, and Lord Sandhurst.

A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT BROKEN OFF

Bucharest, March 6.—The Court Chamberlain to-day issued the following *communiqué*:—

"The Princess Ileana, in agreement with Queen Marie and the Regency Council, has decided not to proceed with the proposal for her marriage to Count Hoehberg."—*Reuter.*

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St. James's	MICHAEL AND MARY	8.30
St. Martin's	HONOURS EASY	2.30 & 8.30
Shaftesbury	THE MIDDLE WATCH	2.30 & 8.30
The Old Vic	THE DARK LADY OF THE SONNETS AND ANDROCLES AND THE LION	7.30
Vaudeville	FRENCH LEAVE	8.30
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VARIETIES

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Victoria Palace	6.15 & 8.30

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Astoria	LOVE, LIVE, AND LAUGH	12.45 to 11
Avenue	A COTTAGE ON DARTMOOR	1 to 12
Capitol	LONE STAR RANGER	12 to 11
Carlton	THE LOVE PARADE	2.45, 6, & 8.45
Empire	DEVIL MAY-CARE	12 to 12
Kensington	THE COCOANUTS	2 to 11
London Pavilion	CONDEMNED	2.30, 6, & 8.30
Marble Arch Pavilion	DISRAELI	2 to 11
New Gallery	ROOKERY NOOK	1.30 to 11
Plaza	WHY BRING THAT UP?	11.45 to 11
Polytechnic	STAMPEDE	2.30, 5.30, & 8.30
Regal	SALLY	12 to 11
Rialto	THE CO-OPTIMISTS	12 to 11.30
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Weather Forecast

S.E. ENGLAND.—Light to moderate westerly to south-westerly winds; cloudy; some slight rain; mild; fog locally early. (p 18)

TO-DAY'S NEWS

HOME

The Experts' Committee of the Naval Conference again considered the size of submarines yesterday. M. Briand, M. Dumesnil (Minister of Marine), and other members of the French delegation arrived in London last night. The heads of delegations are to meet this morning. (p. 16)

The case for the Crown was concluded at the Hampshire Assizes yesterday in the trial of William Henry Podmore for the alleged murder of Vivian Messiter at Southampton on October 30, 1928. Podmore afterwards went into the witness-box and denied having any responsibility for Messiter's death. No further evidence was called for the defence, and the trial was adjourned till to-day. (p. 5)

Lord Macmillan, in his report on the wages dispute in the Northern Counties wool textile industry, expresses his conclusion that a reduction of wage rates is imperative. (p. 18)

The Navy Estimates for 1930-31 amount to £51,739,000 net, a reduction of £4,126,000 on 1929-30. (p. 11)

The Duke of York attended a dinner held at Grocers' Hall last night by the British Engineering Standards Association to celebrate the Royal Charter recently granted to it. (p. 11)

Mr. Baldwin unveiled yesterday the statue of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst which has been erected near the Houses of Parliament, and paid high tribute to her labours for the enfranchisement of women. (p. 13)

Further revelations of the manner in which "parrot disease" infection may be spread were made at the resumed inquest at the London Hospital yesterday on the body of Miss Lilian Rogers, who died from psittacosis. (p. 13)

POLITICS

In the House of Lords yesterday a debate arose at the instance of the Duke of Atholl on the Orders issued to his Majesty's Forces in regard to intercessory services for Russian subjects. (p. 8)

In the House of Commons the Prime Minister made a statement on the Orders issued on the subject of intercessory prayers. The sitting was chiefly occupied with consideration of Supply in Committee. (p. 8)

Mr. Churchill, in a letter to his constituents, warmly supports the policy laid down by Mr. Baldwin for an Imperial Conference and a referendum. (p. 9)

The Road Traffic Bill was considered further yesterday by a Standing Committee of the House of Commons. (p. 9)

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN

It is feared that at least 400 lives have been lost in the French floods. King George has sent a message of sympathy to President Doumergue. (p. 16)

The Budget was discussed by the Indian Council of State yesterday. The element of Imperial preference in the proposed protective duty for the cotton textile industry received almost unanimous support. (p. 16)

Mr. Gandhi, in his letter to the Viceroy, says that, in embarking on non-violence, he knows that he will be running "what might fairly be termed a mad risk." He declares that, "if my letter does not appeal to your heart," he will begin a movement on March 11 for disregarding the provisions of the Salt Tax. (p. 15)

Yen Hsi-shan, the Northern Chinese General, has requested permission of the Nanking Government to resign from his posts. In a separate message to Chiang Kai-shek, he says that he and Feng Yu-hsiang have decided to go abroad. (p. 15)

COURT AND PERSONAL

The Queen has placed on loan at the London Museum a series of Royal Family albums, containing a collection of Christmas and New Year cards received by herself and the King between 1872 and 1929. (p. 10)

LAW

Summary of Law Cases will be found on page 5.

SPORT

The Catterick Bridge Race Meeting was concluded yesterday. (p. 6)

Hull City beat Newcastle United in their replayed tie in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup competition at Hull yesterday by one goal to none. (p. 7)

The Barbarians beat East Midlands in the Edgar Mobbs Memorial match at Northampton yesterday by 22 points to six. (p. 7)

The South of England Coursing Club's Barbican Cup Meeting was continued in the Isle of Thanet yesterday. (p. 6)

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

In "City Notes" comment is made on:—The Reduction in Bank Rate; a New Corporation Loan; Result of the South African Issue; Important Industrial Dividends; the Courtaulds' Meeting; Modderfontein "B's" Lower Costs; and the Work and Plans of the Prudential Assurance Company. (p. 23)

In Lombard-street the reduction in Bank rate to 4 per cent. had been so fully discounted by the recent fall in market rates that the latter showed but slight movement at 3 5-16 per cent. for three months fine bills. Money was still in good demand. The New York exchange moved in favour of sterling. Spanish and Italian currencies appreciated, and the Swiss rate again moved against London. The Rio exchange was higher. Gold fell 1d. to 84s. 10½d. per oz. and silver 3-16d. to 18½d. (p. 24)

The further reduction in Bank rate caused firmness on the Stock Exchange yesterday, particularly in the gilt-edged market, where prices closed with a general advance. Home Rail stocks were a little better, together with leading Industrial shares, an exception among the latter being Courtaulds. Brazilian Government loans were strong. (p. 23)

DOWN TO THE BONE

MR. ALEXANDER presented to Parliament yesterday the Navy Estimates for 1930-31, and, as was expected, they turn out to show a great reduction on those of last year, which themselves were considerably lower than those for the year before. The sum devoted to naval defence, which was reduced by nearly £1,500,000 (from £57,300,000 to £55,865,000) in 1929, is now cut by a further £4,126,000 down to £51,739,000. Something of what this means is shown by the figures of *personnel*. Last year's Estimates provided for a reduction in the numbers of officers and men from 99,800 on April 1, 1929, to 98,800 on April 1, 1930, which was 3,000 less than the numbers on the corresponding date of 1928. Under MR. ALEXANDER this process is continued and hastened. The numbers on April 1 next will be not 98,800 but 97,050, and by April 1, 1931, will have suffered a further great shrinkage down to 94,000. Thus, in a little over three years, our naval strength will have been reduced by nearly 8,000 officers and men. The cutting down of construction is equally drastic. As has been already announced, five vessels of the 1928 programme and twelve vessels of the 1929 programme have been cancelled. There is no provision in the Estimates for the three submarines left out of the six in the 1929 programme, since no work is to be done on them pending the result of the Naval Conference. And there is no provision at all for any new construction this year, since the Government has decided not to formulate any 1930 programme till the results of the Conference are known and have been fully considered. Curiously enough, although the Government decided some time ago, and announced its decision, to postpone work on the Singapore Base, the Estimates actually show an increase in the expenditure under that head. MR. ALEXANDER explains in his statement that, although no new commitments are being undertaken pending the result of the Conference, it has been found that it would not be economical to retard the work for which contracts have already been made.

In framing his Estimates the First Lord has clearly been inspired by the desire to cut naval expenditure down to the bone. The drastic reductions which he proposes, following on those which had been made by his predecessors, would obviously be too dangerous, would expose the country to too great a risk, if the Government were not entirely satisfied that there is no danger of serious war during the next few years. In that conviction they are probably right, and of course there is always a strong theoretical case in the circumstances for cutting down construction and not building ships which may become obsolete before they are required. But there are other and more weighty arguments against allowing the Navy, either in ships or in *personnel*, to fall below a level of permanent safety. To cut down is a comparatively easy matter, but to expand, if the time should come when expansion was necessary, might prove very much more difficult. Naval shipbuilding is a highly specialized industry. If it were allowed to fall into decay it would not be equal to the demands that might have to be made upon it in the future; nor can the trained officers and men who are needed in modern naval warfare be produced in a hurry. With the present Estimates the Navy is reduced to a level at which it cannot safely be left unless the other naval Powers make corresponding reductions. The reductions have manifestly and laudably been dictated by the desire to set an example in disarmament. They will be justified if—but only if—that example is followed. If it is not followed, and the leeway created has to be made good, they will prove a costly blunder both financially and politically. They constitute, in fact, a speculation on the results of the Conference.

MR. MACDONALD says in effect to the naval delegates of the other Powers: "We have such "faith in the good will of other countries, and "in the machinery that has been set up for the "preservation of peace, that we have already "reduced our Navy to the very limits of safety; "it is now your turn to show a similar faith." So far, it must be admitted, the result has not been altogether encouraging. Across the Channel there has been a tendency to take a cynical view of the British reductions, and to regard them, not as inspired by any desire for peace and disarmament, but as dictated by sheer financial necessity. On the negotiations with the United States MR. MACDONALD's policy of placing all his cards on the table forthwith has undoubtedly had an excellent effect. By making reductions, and not merely announcing that he was ready to make them, he created an atmosphere of mutual confidence and good will which has greatly smoothed the way to a settlement. On the other hand his dealings with France and Italy, which are no less important from the British naval point of view, might perhaps have made more progress if he had left himself something with which to bargain instead of giving away at the very outset whatever he had to give. It may be argued that he has thus in effect placed himself in much the same position as that in which MR. GRAHAM finds himself, negotiating with other Powers for reductions of tariffs when he has no tariffs of his own to reduce in return. Let us hope at least that the next fortnight may prove this too pessimistic a view. The Naval Conference is to resume work this morning. M. BRIAND has already returned to London, and M. TARDIEU, whom the regrettable flood disasters have called to the South of France as his first obvious duty, is expected here early next week. It may be that, when they get to grips again with their English and American colleagues, some way out of the existing deadlock may suggest itself. From Paris it has been emphasized that the French figures, which would involve considerable increases in the programmes contemplated by Britain and by the United States, are the lowest which would adequately cover the "absolute" needs of France, and that a reduction to "relative" figures would only be possible as the result of some political arrangement giving her effective safeguards for her security. In the British and American view the machinery of the League of Nations, the guarantees of the Locarno Treaties, and the pledges of the Briand-Kellogg Pact should already give a feeling of security sufficient to justify a considerable reduction, and there are grave difficulties in the way of meeting the French desire for further political safeguards. But this method of reaching a settlement will, of course, be explored in the hope that, with good will on both sides, some mutually satisfactory arrangement will be found possible. The Navy Estimates now before Parliament are the expression of the Government's confidence in the outcome of the discussions that are about to take place. Nothing can justify the reductions they contemplate except an agreement embracing all five Powers and providing for corresponding reductions all round.

Grand-Admiral Von Tirpitz

On the day when the future use of submarines was under discussion at the London Naval Conference, when British Navy Estimates were presented to the House of Commons, and when the Conference itself was about to resume its full activity after an enforced adjournment, ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ, maker of the modern German Navy, passed away, and with him the last of the dominating personalities who moulded German policy before the War. He was, indeed, the strongest figure that appeared in German political life after the fall of BISMARCK; and he devoted his great administrative powers, his unlimited capacity for detailed work, and all the resources of a rich character to converting a coastal defence force to a high seas battle fleet. For that purpose he had to subdue the natural autocracy of his dominating nature to the extent of pleading year by year before an only half-convinced Reichstag, and of arguing with sceptical politicians who saw more clearly than he the ulterior consequences of his policy of expansion. He trained himself with the same thorough care to argue and to make speeches as in his young days he had trained himself to master every technical problem of his profession. He set himself above all, and with considerable success, to dominate the mind of the KAISER. Among the members of the camarilla that intrigued for the KAISER's favour, and tripped up one another in trying to win him to their ends, TIRPITZ was the most successful in exploiting his foibles, deriving perhaps an almost unfair advantage over the others from the childish vanity with which his Royal master loved to pace a deck as Lord High Admiral of the Fleet. The KAISER himself became a champion of the big navy, and TIRPITZ's battle was more than half won.

Nevertheless in his later years he complained bitterly of the opposition encountered from politicians in general, and more particularly from BETHMANN-HOLLWEG. The last pre-War Chancellor of Germany had shown a distinct tendency to cultivate good relations with Great Britain, and to TIRPITZ conciliation was quite indistinguishable from weakness. He could not imagine cooperation except as vassalage; and the ordinary calculations of diplomacy, the dictates of caution or of common prudence, for him were simply instability of purpose. His habit, even before the War, of always regarding Great Britain as an enemy contributed notably to making her participation against Germany inevitable; and when it had broken out his fatal insistence upon "ruthless" submarine warfare was the principal cause of the intervention of the United States. It is true, of course, that the unrestricted employment of submarines became effective only after TIRPITZ had resigned; and the tardy adoption of his policy of ruthlessness at least lent some cynical plausibility to the argument of his old age that it failed at that moment, not because Germany had been ruthless, but because she had not been ruthless enough. He attributed the loss of the War by Germany to the moderating influence of BETHMANN-HOLLWEG during its early stages, and he remained to the end of his life an unrepentant apostle of the doctrine that might went before right. Moral blindness so warped his judgment that he never realized how largely his own masterful advocacy of that sinister theory was responsible for the ruin into which he saw his country fall.

The Conspiracy of Silence

In spite of the urgent appeals that have been made to LORD PASSFIELD, the publication of the Report of the West Indies Sugar Commission is still being delayed. That, says, SIR ALGERNON ASPINALL, in a letter printed on this page, will be the cause of profound disappointment to the Colonies concerned. LORD PASSFIELD's excuse for the delay is that Part IV. of the Report—which, though "not of such immediate "importance" as the rest, is still an "integral" part of it—has not, he declares, been received. Yet LORD OLIVIER stated in the House of Lords a month ago that he had informed LORD PASSFIELD, both verbally and in writing, that the whole of the Report relative to his inquiry had been in his hands since February 1. It is therefore incomprehensible, as SIR ALGERNON observes, how LORD PASSFIELD can now say that an integral part of the Report has not reached him. His explanation does not agree with the facts. Some months ago, when he learnt at the Colonial Office of an impending crisis in the sugar industry, "I am afraid"—he told the House of Lords—"I laughed and said: "'Another sugar crisis!'" Since then he has been forced to realize that the crisis is a real crisis and no laughing matter. He has admitted that if the industry collapses the Government will in some places have almost the whole population on their hands in a state of destitution.

Why, then, does he still decline to publish the Report? Of what, or of whom, is he afraid? All that is in it, as LORD OLIVIER has announced, is a perfectly non-controversial statement of facts and of findings carefully canvassed. It is of the utmost importance to the economic existence of the industry and of those dependent on it that it should be put in the hands of the electorate of this country and of Parliament without further delay. The West Indian Colonies are themselves paying for its cost. The least they have a right to expect from the Mother Country, if only as a matter of courtesy, is that it should no longer be pigeon-holed. MR. SNOWDEN, by sheltering himself behind the inviolable secrecy of the Budget and refusing to inform the planters whether the duty and the preference will be withdrawn, has already dealt their credit a shattering blow. LORD PASSFIELD has not even the shadow of a pretext for joining his colleague in this damaging conspiracy of silence. What, he asks, can the Government do to meet the necessities of the West Indian planters? The answer is simple. They can at least publish LORD OLIVIER's Report.

Wages in the Woollen Industry

The result of LORD MACMILLAN's inquiry into the wages dispute in the woollen industry of the West Riding is the recommendation of reductions of wages amounting to 9½ per cent. for time-rate workers and to 8¾ per cent. for piece-rate workers. After the reductions time-rate wages would remain 72 per cent. above the pre-War level and piece-rate wages 90 per cent. above that level. The recommendation will cause no surprise. LORD MACMILLAN was bound to conclude that the industry is in a serious financial position. He did not accept without qualification the plea of the employers that the only alternative to a substantial reduction of wages was the bleeding to death of the industry, but upon the evidence he heard and the information he derived from special inquiries of his own—inquiries which were heartily approved by the employers and the unions—he found that "upon its present "basis the industry is in a most unsatis-"factory, if not an actually dangerous, posi-"tion." LORD MACMILLAN's findings not only reveal the impartiality and judgment to be expected of his legal attainments and acquaintance with industrial affairs, but they are fortified by a reasoned summary and estimate of the facts and arguments put before him which enable the reader to become a judge in the cause submitted. The findings of Courts of Inquiry set up by the Minister of Labour have sometimes done a great deal to shape industrial history; and this Court, of which LORD MACMILLAN was the sole member, may take an important place in the records of industrial relations.

One industrial Court cannot, of course, lay down principles, or a line of reasoning, for the guidance of others. The principles it follows will stand or fall according to their intrinsic merits. LORD MACMILLAN has decided on the facts that a reduction of wages in the woollen industry is necessary, and the reasoning applied to those facts is especially important in two respects. In the first place LORD MACMILLAN says that if an industry is in difficulties because of the contraction of its markets, and the employers of labour ask for a reduction of the part played by wages in the costs of production in order that they may enlarge the market by offering a cheapened article for sale, then, "if the effects "of the reduction are not shown in the cost "of the finished product to the public, the im-"pression left upon the operatives and the "general community will be an unfortunate "one." In other words, the claim for a reduction of wages is to be made good not only in argument but in fact, and vindicated by its results. That is a principle of high value which surely needs but to be stated in order to win acceptance. It may have been often implied or understood. Now it is definitely affirmed. In the second place LORD MACMILLAN has pointed out that a comparison of the standards of living now and before the War may reasonably take account of the social services that have been established or greatly enlarged since the War. Insurance against ill-health, unemployment, accident, and old age "plays a substantial "part in improving the standard of life of the "workman and lightening the burden on his "wages." LORD MACMILLAN did not go on to say, though it would have been pertinent to do so, that, when the State lays directly upon industry a large proportion of the cost of these services, it is to that extent charging industry with the maintenance of the higher standard of living—just as much as if industry paid a higher rate of wages and the wage-earners, out of their earnings, voluntarily made provision for times of individual adversity and old age. The principle that the cost to industry and to the State of social services that enhance the standard of living may be brought into the account when considering the wage-paying capacity of a hard-pressed industry is not new in industrial negotiations; but it has not received before the public endorsement of an independent authority of the standing of LORD MACMILLAN.

Ad Eundem

After flourishing apart for some six and a half centuries in their respective Universities, of which they are the oldest colleges, Merton and Peterhouse have just concluded a graceful alliance. The terms are that the Head and Fellows of each foundation shall be made free of the other's Common or Combination room. Whether similar agreements are likely to follow may be left to the event, but, as our announcement shows to-day, there are unique reasons why Merton and Peterhouse should acknowledge one another. WALTER DE LIERTON'S college was the first college in Oxford in the real sense—the home of a corporate body; and BISHOP BALSHAM'S Peterhouse was the same at Cambridge, and he deliberately framed his statutes on the Merton model. Before that time students at either University were banded together, if they were banded together at all, merely as pensioners on some patron's fund. Henceforth a new order was to come in; they were to have places, as WORDSWORTH puts it, where "in shelter" they "might sit down"; and many of them, though not the first Merton and Peterhouse men, did not sit down until their founders had provided for them a chapel, hall, and quadrangle of the accepted shape.

Merton and Peterhouse, however, built gradually, and Merton by its configuration still refuses in part to conform to the quadrangular type, while both colleges had chapels given them in the parish churches hard by. Hence the very name of Peterhouse, on account of the use which its scholars made at first of St. Peter's Church, and for centuries afterwards of its successor, St. Mary's. Compared with other colleges these two must feel themselves to be in their very bones of a more primitive order. Both still contain buildings which go back to a few years after their founders' deaths, for the hall of Peterhouse, though much changed, is essentially what it was in the late Middle Age, and there is nothing older in collegiate Oxford than parts of Merton. *Ad eundem* then, as from home to a home, will the successors of the thirteenth century travel when the spirit of good-fellowship prompts them—not as 600 years ago on their legs crying for alms on the way, but swiftly and comfortably in well-appointed private vehicles which reduce the intervening distance to an afternoon's run.

THE REFERENDUM

NATIONAL VERDICTS ON NEW POLICIES

MR. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN'S COMMENT RECALLED

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—In view of Mr. Baldwin's pronouncement on the Referendum it may be of interest to those who remember my father's effort for Imperial unity to recall that in the preface to the volume of his Speeches published in November, 1903, he wrote as follows:—

I have often wondered that we have never adopted the principle of the Referendum as practised in Switzerland, and also in many parts of the United States of America. It is the only way in which the decision of great national questions can be separated from all the complicated issues of party government. At a General Election the voter is influenced by his desire to see his own party in office and partly by his views on a number of special questions, many of them purely local or even personal.

If, in the case of a new policy, not necessarily political, it were possible to eliminate all side issues, we might have a national verdict which all sections would accept, and which would be given without reference to the perennial struggle between the "Outs" and the "Ins" which is at present the chief occupation of political life.

Your obedient servant,
AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.
2, Morpeth-mansions, S.W.1, March 6.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—In your issue of to-day Sir Herbert Samuel attacks Mr. Baldwin for his decision to refer the question of food taxes to a direct poll of the people; he also attacks the Referendum as a general institution. But Sir Herbert Samuel might at least have taken the trouble before writing to you to ascertain how the Referendum is actually worked.

In Switzerland, where it has been established for over half a century, the electors are not asked—as Sir Herbert suggests would be the case—to express an opinion on a vague proposition. The actual Bill that has passed through the Legislature is submitted to the electors, and they are asked to answer on their ballot papers Yes or No to the question whether the Bill should become law. An identical scheme was advocated by the late Lord Cave, then a member of the House of Commons, in 1911 (see *The Times*, April 22, 1911). It may be presumed that Mr Baldwin would carry out his proposal for a direct vote of the people on the question of food taxes in the same way. It is a straightforward and honourable proposal which would have the great merit of lifting a fiercely controversial question from the battlefield of party politics.

Yours obediently,
HAROLD COX.
Gray's Inn, March 6.

THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—The British West Indies will not derive much comfort from Lord Passfield's remarks in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, and will be profoundly disappointed to learn that the publication of Lord Olivier's Report is still being delayed.

It is incomprehensible how Lord Passfield could have referred to an "integral part" of the Report not having been received, for Lord Olivier stated definitely in the House of Lords on February 6 (and I quote Hansard of that date):—

I told my noble friend, verbally and in writing, that the whole of the Report relative to his inquiry was in his hands last Saturday (February 1). It is now in the printers' hands, and I have here a proof.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ALGERNON ASPINALL.
The West India Committee, 14, Trinity-square, E.C.3, March 6.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that the expenses of the Olivier Sugar Commission recently sent to the West Indies by the British Government have not been borne by them but have been charged to the Colonies themselves. Surely, therefore, under the present appalling conditions, we have the right to demand that the Report should be published without a moment's further delay.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN BROMLEY.
(St. Kitts, Leeward Islands.)
30, Manchester-street, Manchester-square, W., March 6.

LIFE AFTER DEATH

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—The lucid letter of Lord Wrenbury in to-day's issue, commenting on the intensely interesting sermon of the Bishop of Birmingham, gives one furiously to think.

Perhaps Lord Wrenbury is right in his assumption of the non-continuity of consciousness after death and his theory of a possible amalgamation with the great Spirit, but whatever the theory it cannot be gainsaid that our human brains in their present state of development are incapable of taking in spiritual theories of such gigantic conception.

Perhaps the continuity of consciousness after death, to my mind proved by Sir Oliver Lodge and other great scientists, is, as Maeterlinck once stated, "only the flickering of the flame after the candle has been blown out," but the pursuit of all these theories is a danger to human mentality. They are best left alone. We are no more capable of understanding them than a rabbit is able to take in a Beethoven symphony. Having seen the result of these investigations I thought it my duty to write you this letter.

Your obedient servant,
GEORGE VERITY.
12, Prince's Gate-court, S.W.7, March 5.

CARLYLE AND HIS BIOGRAPHERS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—Lord Cushendun will, in due course, be called upon to justify his heedless and curious assumption that Mr. David Wilson, Mr. Alexander Carlyle, and I were "capable"—he does not say guilty—of "the most reckless extravagance of assertion—often contradictory assertion" in the Froude-Carlyle controversy, but I should like at once to correct his insinuation that my intervention in that controversy was gratuitous or, like his own, of a purely journalistic instigation. I was personally acquainted with Carlyle, I was invited by members of his family to write the introduction to "The New Letters of Jane Welsh Carlyle," and my professional studies specially qualified me to deal with one of Froude's most flagitious accusations against him. My refutation of Froude on this matter was, at the time, accepted by my profession as entirely convincing, and, strangely enough, some new evidence clinching the conclusion at which I arrived has recently come to light.

Lord Cushendun has evidently not forgotten the correction I administered to him in the pages of the *Contemporary Review* 27 years ago.

Yours obediently,
JAMES CRICHTON BROWNE.
45, Hans-place, S.W., March 6.

T. G. MASARYK AT EIGHTY

THE TEACHER AS STATESMAN

A NATION'S HOMAGE

President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia celebrates his 80th birthday to-day. A letter of congratulation from King George was presented to him by Sir Ronald Macleay, the British Minister in Prague, yesterday morning.

(By Wickham Steed)

In the Castle of Prague, once the seat of the Kings of Bohemia, then for three centuries a palace of Hapsburg Emperors, and now again the official residence of the head of an independent Czechoslovak State, Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, President of the Republic, will to-day receive the good wishes of his fellow-citizens and the congratulations of the whole world upon the completion of his 80th year. To him the hearts of millions, within and without the land he restored to freedom, will turn in reverent respect and unfeigned affection.

On March 7, 1850, he was born at Hodonin, a Slovak town in Moravia hard by the Hungarian border. Until 1849 his father had been a coachman-serf on a Hapsburg domain. His mother, a woman of strong character and no little ability, had been a cook. To her desire that her children should receive the education denied to their parents he owed the beginnings of the deep knowledge which presently gave him high rank among European philosophers and helped him to lead his people out of bondage into freedom.

From his mother, too, he took his religious temperament, his high principles, and his moral fearlessness. The ruling passion of his life has been love of the truth—positively in the form of accurate learning and clear thought, negatively in the form of hating what was spurious or insincere. Brought up from early childhood as a devout Roman Catholic, an apt and ardent pupil of his religious instructors, he broke with one of them who made light of the obligations of confession, and left a secondary school rather than trifle with his own conscience. Later on, at a classical high school in Vienna, his outlook broadened until, at the age of 20, he felt bound to reject the doctrine of Papal infallibility which the Vatican Council had proclaimed. On this score he left the Roman Church; and, after a period of association with the Uniate Church, he was led by study of the life of John Hus (Wyclif's disciple), of the Bohemian Brotherhood Church, and of the writings of Comenius the Educator, its last Bishop whom the Counter-Reformation drove into exile in the 17th century, to accept an enlightened Protestantism as the creed which he could wholeheartedly profess. Little by little he saw that militant clericalism, or the political side of Roman intolerance, had been the inveterate foe of his people; and, while eschewing intolerance, religious or political, he felt that their salvation demanded a return to the individual uprightness, the personal belief devoid of sacerdotal taint which Hus and Comenius had practised and professed.

AT PRAGUE UNIVERSITY

Alongside of, and closely entwined with, his religious faith stood his moral philosophy, which he derived chiefly from Plato. In him religion and philosophy were one; but he held them of no avail unless they should guide and inspire conduct. In his wife, Miss Garrigue, an American lady whom he had met at Leipzig University, and whose name he added to his own, he found a true helpmate. She believed as he believed. Their union was perfect.

With a creed such as his he needed her support. Soon after he had accepted, in 1882, a professorship in the newly-established Czech section of Prague University, he committed an unpardonable sin against the umbrageous patriotism of the Czech people by maintaining and proving that certain historical manuscripts which they had cherished as irrefutable evidence of early Czech culture were in reality worthless forgeries. He was denounced as a rogue and a traitor. Even the scientific vindication of his claim could not dispel his unpopularity. Still worse was the storm that broke over him when, in 1899, he defended against judicial injustice, popular fury, and clerical intolerance a Jewish cobbler who had been condemned on a charge of ritual murder. Once again he was right, and once again he found that to be in the right when the great majority are wrong is a dire offence.

Meanwhile, his influence as a moral philosopher and a teacher of history had spread throughout the Slav world. To his pupils the reconciliation of Serbs and Croats in Hungary and Southern Austria was due. In Bohemian politics he and his followers formed a "Realist" party, and strove to bring an unwelcome spirit of sincerity into an atmosphere of intrigue and "patriotic" chicanery. Elected by universal suffrage to the Austrian Reichsrat of 1907, he challenged single-handed the whole system of fraud and forgery that was afterwards laid bare in the Agram High Treason trial and the Friedjung trial of 1909; and, a year later, he convicted the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Office of complicity in the system.

IN EXILE

From that moment he knew that the Hapsburg Monarchy was doomed, that it must perish of its inner untruth. Yet, hoping against hope, he strove to withhold it from its fatal path, to solve the Southern Slav question in its favour and to make of it a home, not a prison, for its component peoples. He failed. Therefore, soon after the outbreak of War, he went alone into exile, resolved never to return unless he could bring with him liberty and independence to his nation.

His vision was equal to his courage. No statesman saw, from the outset, the meaning of the War so clearly as he. None gambled, or seemed to gamble, on so fine a balance of distant possibilities. Yet, to him, they were moral certainties. He raised the standard of Hus at Geneva on July 6, 1915, the fifth centenary of the burning of Hus for heresy; and, in the names of Hus and of Comenius, he carried on his fight against Austria, in Switzerland, Paris, London, Russia, and the United States, until he had won for himself and his helpers the recognition of the Allied Governments, and was ready to put into the field the strong army he had formed among Czechoslovak prisoners of war in Russia.

Overnight his dreams came true. The Hapsburg Monarchy collapsed, the Czechoslovak people proclaimed their independence and hailed him as their President. Returning home, after four years of strenuous exile, he was installed in the Castle of Prague as their head and guide. These he has been for more than 11 years, accomplishing, with the same devotion to truth and the same fearlessness, the mightier task of establishing the new State on sure foundations, of avoiding reaction, of conciliating his German fellow-citizens, and of teaching, day in, day out, the lesson that democratic freedom regained can only be upheld by individual uprightness, hard work, and discharge of duty.

These things his people celebrate to-day.

HOUSE OF LORDS' DIFFICULTY

PAINTINGS IN ROYAL GALLERY

COMMISSION'S CRITICISM

(From Our Parliamentary Correspondent)

It is expected that the House of Lords will be called upon to consider the difficult position which has arisen owing to the report of the Royal Fine Arts Commission on the proposed redecoration of the Royal Gallery of the Palace of Westminster.

It was announced in 1925 that the late Lord Iveagh had offered to complete the decoration of the Royal Gallery at a cost of not less than £20,000, and the offer was accepted on the understanding that the scheme would harmonize with the scheme of the Peers' War Memorial. It was not until two years later, however, that the Lord Great Chamberlain requested the Fine Arts Commission to express an opinion on the offer. The Commission asked if they could inspect sketch designs or a specimen cartoon and inquired whether any contract existed with the painter, but no information was forthcoming, and in January, 1928, the Commission intimated to the First Commissioner of Works that they were unable to report. They advised, however, that any scheme of painting should be closely studied in connexion with the proposed marble War Memorial and with the pictures of Trafalgar and Waterloo which hang on the walls.

The commission for the work was given to Mr. Frank Brangwyn, R.A. The complete series of paintings will consist of three very large cartoons above the frieze of the gallery and of 10 large ones on the lower level. Five of the paintings have now been placed in the Royal Gallery, and the members of the Fine Arts Commission have examined them both by natural and artificial light. It is understood that the Commissioners, while recognizing their ingenuity and resource, have now reported against the permanent erection of the paintings in the Royal Gallery. At the same time they express regret that they were prevented by the agreement between the artist and the late Lord Iveagh from reporting at a time when constructive criticism might have proved serviceable.

"EMPHATIC AND INAPPROPRIATE"

In reaching its decision the Commission has considered the whole problem of the paintings and their setting and environment. The pictures of Waterloo and Trafalgar, each 45ft. long, present the dominant theme of the gallery, and the Peers War Memorial is to be erected in the recess at the southern end. The Commissioners express their fear that Mr. Brangwyn's paintings will not harmonize with the surroundings. They are described as "brilliant in colouring, fertile in invention, and full of fancy in their luxuriant variety and treatment." But it is urged that their insistent motives do not accord with the Waterloo Chamber, and that large paintings of flora and fauna would appear to be inappropriate. The Commissioners take the view that the new paintings are so emphatic that all their surroundings must be brought into subordination. It has been suggested that the Royal Gallery should be adapted to the pictures; the ceiling recoloured, the carved oak panelling amplified by painted heraldic shields and paint and gilding removed from stonework and statues. A complete transformation of the Royal Gallery is contemplated. The Commissioners admit that the Gallery is often accused of lacking originality, but they describe it as the most pronounced example of the Gothic revival and the chief monument of an important phase in the development of British architecture. Not only is it the scene of State ceremonial and international conferences, but it is an integral part of a suite of great apartments to which it is scrupulously related in character. The suite would be thrown into confusion by an abrupt transition in the scale and the nature of decoration. Mr. Brangwyn's paintings, in the opinion of the Commission, are of Oriental processions and exotic scenery. They indicate no connexion with the Empire as such, and the subject-matter and its treatment have no relation to Imperial or Dominion Parliaments.

While the Commissioners cannot recommend the erection of the paintings in the Royal Gallery, they are conscious of the value of the paintings in themselves; both as commanding respect for an accomplishment on an exceptional scale and as being notable for ingenuity and resource. They do not think, however, that the pictures can possibly do adequate justice to their own merits in the Royal Gallery. Even were it redecorated they must lack unity and cohesion, and they could not be adequately appreciated except in a building better suited for their display, both from the point of view of lighting and of design. The Commission has reached its conclusions with reluctance, particularly as it was called upon to examine a project upon which the artist has been engaged for a long time and which is nearing completion.

B.B.C. PROGRAMMES

NEW ALTERNATIVES ON SUNDAY

The B.B.C. announces that from next Sunday national and London regional programmes will be broadcast from Brookmans Park. From Daventry a duplicate of the national programme and a Midland regional programme will be radiated. The national programme will remain very much like the 2LO and 5XX programme. To it will be added the regional programmes, providing contrasted alternatives, opportunities for repeat performances, and the inclusion of a greater range and variety of programme material.

Some similarity will be noticed between 12 to 2.30 p.m., national, and 12 to 3 p.m., regional, when the programmes will consist of light music. In the 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. period the regional wave-length makes possible an alternative: the national and Midland regional programmes will be for children, but London regional will give dance music. Again, after an all-stations broadcast of the first news bulletin, which will take place at 6.15 p.m. as usual, the regional wave-length will help to solve what has been the difficult problem of pleasing the many tastes to which such items as Foundations of Music, critics' talks, and a series of talks at 7.25 do not appeal. While the national programme will continue to give these features, light entertainment will be broadcast from the regional transmitters from 6.40 to 8 p.m. On the national wave-length, from 7.45 until 9 o'clock, will come the first main programme of the evening, with the second news normally at 9, a talk at 9.15, and the second main programme from 9.40 until 10.30 or 11 p.m. The first part of the regional main programme will be followed by a regional news bulletin, after which the second main part of the programme will last until 10.15. The evening's broadcasting will conclude as usual with dance music.

The main Sunday afternoon programme will begin on the national wave-length at 4.15, when there will be a concert until 6 o'clock. The earlier part of the afternoon, before 4.15, will be devoted to the usual items, to which, from 3.30 onwards, there will be the alternative, from the London and Midland regional transmitters, of a concert until 5 o'clock. The evening programme will begin in both instances at 8 o'clock with the evening service. After the appeal at 8.45 and the news at 8.50 there will be, at 9.5 p.m., concerts of a contrasted character on national and regional wave-lengths, continuing until 10.30, when the epilogue is broadcast.

PORTSMOUTH BLACKMAIL CHARGE

At Portsmouth yesterday FRANCIS JOSEPH PAYNE, 22; GLORIA MADELINE FORD, 22, single; and GERMAINE FORD, 43, married woman, all of Queen-street, Portsea, and WILLIAM LEGG, 27, of Simpson-road, Portsmouth, came up on remand, charged with having obtained £20 by blackmail from a local tradesman. The prosecution alleges accused conspired to obtain money by sending to his shop improper postcards, which Gloria Ford subsequently asked for back. Accusations were then made against him, followed by a demand for money. He paid £20 by cheque, after consulting the police, and Gloria Ford was arrested when going to get the cheque cashed. All the accused denied the charges. Gloria Ford, giving evidence, said she called at the prosecutor's shop to ask for work. He then showed her the postcards, kissed her, and tried to assault her. Payne and Legg denied that any demand was made for money, and said that the prosecutor voluntarily offered the £20 as compensation for not finding Miss Ford employment. The case was further adjourned for a week.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

MR. CHURCHILL AT THE OXFORD UNION

Mr. Churchill was the principal speaker at a debate of the Oxford Union Society last night on the motion "that this House prefers the last Government to the present one."

The motion was proposed by Mr. J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER (Balliol), supported by Mr. D. H. ELLIOTSON (St. John's), and opposed by Mr. J. P. W. MALLALIEU (Trinity) and Mr. ESCOTT REID (Christ Church). Mr. Churchill's son, Mr. Randolph Churchill, who recently opened a debate in the Union on Egypt, was present.

Mr. CHURCHILL said that the Labour Party had been treated with extraordinary fairness and indulgence by the great majority of the members of the House of Commons during their tenure of office. They had received a measure of fair play, leniency, and assistance never extended in his recollection to any Administration and never extended in a lesser degree to the Administration which preceded the present Government.

Alluding to Russia, he said that under a system of ruthlessly enforced Socialistic and Communistic ideas the whole of that great country was being reduced to slavery, barbarism, and misery. Even religious liberty was being struck at with brutal force, and the whole of a vast people there being kept in chains for nothing except to gratify the doctrinaire theories of men more monstrous than any of which history bore record.

THE PRICE OF COAL

Referring to the Coal Bill, Mr. Churchill said that the miners' representatives held the Government in a grip of steel, and insisted on a reduction in the hours of labour from eight *to* 7½ a day. The special conditions of the coal industry were such that higher economic advantages were gained from a slightly longer day's work. Upon that depended a great deal of this country's power to produce and sell its coal. But owing to the pressure of the Miners' Federation the Government, against its better judgment, was being forced to reduce the hours by half an hour. That would add very heavily to the cost of production and hamper the country's exports. The Government had gone to the coalowners and said to them:—"Keep wages at the present figure, and we will give you the power to recover the loss by raising the price of coal to the general consumer." That was very easy money. (Laughter.) Workmen and employers joined together by the Government would take it out of the general community.

No English Socialist had ever contributed anything to the Socialistic creed. All the creed had been borrowed from Germany and from Russia, from which they were trying to get more information. The stock-in-trade of Socialism was to set class against class, to emphasize the difference between wealth and poverty and cast upon the existing social system the blame for all the tragedy which had dogged the steps of mankind from the beginning. They had got their Bolshevist friends back. When their Bolshevist friends were here last time we had the worst labour period we had ever known. Immediately they left our shores we had less loss of work through labour disputes. Now that they were back we should see whether we should suffer as we did on the last occasion.

The late Administration had no scores to pay off and no desire to do anything more than to see the whole finances of the country and the country's trade and industry placed on an economic basis. Whatever the present Government might say, they must know that the Conservative Party had no conspiracy against them.

Speaking of the Liberals, Mr. Churchill declared that the differences between the Liberals and the Conservatives were smaller than the differences between the champions of Liberalism and the disciples of Karl Marx. He reminded the Liberals, however, that it was easier to score off their opponents than to grapple with the problems now facing the country. No party at present had the key to the economic riddle. All parties were seeking the best way out. He did not grudge the present Administration its reign of power; it was having an education, an expensive education, in a school which was surprising them. The present Administration in nine months had weakened the position of this country at home and in some, though not all respects, abroad. If they consulted the silk industry and the motor industry, both living in uncertainty, they would reach a conclusion whether the Government had or had not been for the general benefit of the community.

The voting was 429 for the motion, 238 against.

MR. BALDWIN'S SPEECH

RESOLUTIONS OF WELCOME

At a meeting of the Grand Council of the Primrose League at the head offices in Victoria-street, S.W., yesterday, with LORD EBBISHAM (Chancellor) presiding, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"Grand Council desires to emphasize the confidence it expressed at its last meeting in the Grand Master after his speech at the Coliseum, and heartily welcomes the further declaration of Imperial policy as made by Mr. Baldwin on March 4, and urges the habitations and members of the Primrose League to work in every possible way for the realization of the ideals of political and economic unity within the Empire as the surest and most certain method of carrying out an Empire trade policy for the solution of unemployment."

LORD EBBISHAM expressed his regret at being unable to serve as Chancellor for another year, and, upon his proposal, it was decided to ask Lord Stratheona to accept the office.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the City of London Conservative Association yesterday the following resolution, proposed by SIR HARRY GOSCHEN and seconded by SIR STANLEY MACHIN, was carried unanimously:—

"That this meeting of the executive committee of the City of London Conservative Association cordially welcomes the pronouncement of Mr. Stanley Baldwin on Tuesday, March 4, at the Hotel Cecil, feeling assured that the policy of thorough-going safeguarding and development of Imperial resources are the only means by which our industries can be stimulated and the grave question of unemployment solved."

AN "ECONOMIC GENERAL STAFF"

PERMANENT BODY SUGGESTED BY LORD E. PERCY

LORD EUSTACE PERCY, M.P., speaking at a meeting of women Conservatives at Darlington yesterday, said that a permanent economic general staff in London must be built up to represent all the Governments and all branches of agriculture in the Empire. It was no use holding Imperial Conferences at long intervals. Great Britain, with 1,500,000 unemployed, and with unemployment increasing just at the period of the year when it ought to be diminishing, could not talk with the Dominions as an equal. The great weakness of our Imperial policy during the last few years had been that we had always seemed to be going to the Dominions and asking for emigration to help the Old Country out of its mess. He continued:—"There is nothing more short-sighted than trying to get rid of your difficulties by supposing you can shove a certain number of your population into Canada or Australia. You have got to develop Canada and Australia before you can get emigration. To do that you must have surplus money and profits, and therefore you must restore your industry at home.

"What is the good of talking about opening and developing Empire markets for British goods when we do not even develop our own home market for British goods. I can see no alternative but to give the iron and steel industry, as well as other industries, an adequate measure of safeguarding to enable it to reorganize itself."

GIFT TO ETON COLLEGE CHAPEL

An illuminated Prayer-book has been presented to Eton College Chapel by Lady Nicholl and Commander C. R. Nicholl, R.N. It is the work of Major-General Sir Rice Nicholl, who was at Eton from 1850 to 1855 and left to fight in the Crimean War. The illumination consists of borders, line-fillings, miniatures in the large initials, and much exquisitely finished flourishing done with the brush. The portions presented to Eton College Chapel consist of Morning and Evening Prayer and the Occasional Offices in one volume, and the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels in another; the Psalter is in the Church of Margam, in Glamorgan. The text is that printed in black letter by Pickering. The books are at present on view in the school library.

RAILWAY COLLISION IN TUNNEL

ENGINE DRIVER KILLED

A railway collision which occurred yesterday on the Midland main line in a tunnel 164 yards long at Culgaith, eight miles from Penrith and 25 south of Carlisle, caused the death of David Bowser, of Leeds, who was driving a local passenger train when it ran into a stationary ballast train on the same metals in the middle of the tunnel. Eight persons were injured.

The collision occurred at 10.15 between the 8.5 slow passenger train from Hellifield to Carlisle, and a ballast train working between Culgaith and Langwathby. Both the engines were thrown off the line, and the second coach of the passenger train was telescoped on to the luggage van. All the injured passengers were in this coach. Some of a gang of 30 men who were emptying stones from wagons of the ballast train were on the wagons when the crash occurred, but only one was hurt. The engine of the stationary train was facing south, and the two engines met head on. Driver Bowser was buried under coal flung forward into the engine cab from the tender, and when extricated had been suffocated. He was 60 years of age and had been in the company's service for 40 years.

The fireman, named Stones, also of Leeds, was thrown from the engine. His jaw was badly hurt, and he was suffering from burns and shock. Stones recently lost his wife by death, and as he lay awaiting the ambulance he was mostly concerned for his children. Guard Brogden, of Leeds, suffered injury to his face, but was able to run back through another tunnel 660 yards long to Culgaith Station.

The most seriously injured passengers were:—Tom Gill, an elderly man, of Settle; R. Pratt, cattle dealer, of Hawes Junction, whose ankle was broken; and Wilfred Smith, railway joiner, of Appleby, whose leg was broken. Smith was travelling in the first occupied carriage with Harry Turland, permanent way inspector, of Appleby. Turland was injured about the head. Mr. Pratt was, like many other passengers, going to the cattle market at Lazonby. His dog, which was beside him in the train, was killed.

In the tunnel difficulty was experienced in dealing with the injured, and two hours elapsed before they were removed by ambulance to Langwathby Station, and thence by special train to Carlisle. Dr. Stevenson attended to all the injured, and Culgaith villagers gave sheets to be torn up for bandages. The roof and side of the passenger coach were splintered, both sets of the metals were strewn with wreckage, and the burning coal had to be got out of the engines. The wreckage was piled up so that it touched the top of the tunnel. Traffic was diverted by way of Penrith and Ingleton.

COMMUNIST CALL TO DEMONSTRATE

A FEEBLE RESPONSE

The call of the British Communist Party, supported by weeks of preliminary agitation, to the unemployed and employed to join yesterday in a demonstration on the streets which had been ordered by the Third International, met with a very small response.

Efforts were made in London to assemble people at five rallying points for a march, but the processions when they started would almost have escaped notice but for the few banners and red flags carried in the scanty ranks. When the marchers converged on Tower Hill soon after midday they added about 500 to the usual crowd which daily listens there to political and denominational speakers. Mr. Tom Mann, Mr. Harry Pollitt, and other Communists addressed one part of the crowd, while another section divided its attention between the arguments of the Protestant Truth Society and the Catholic Evidence Society. Hawkers wandered about trying, with a conspicuous lack of success, to sell copies of Communist papers, and sporadic attempts were made to take a collection.

The police would not allow the demonstrators to march to the Mansion House, and after the talking had lasted for an hour and a half a combined procession was formed which made a tour by way of the Minories and Aldgate and then returned to Tower Hill. Mr. Pollitt announced that a deputation to the Lord Mayor had been refused. Shortly afterwards a section of the crowd made a dash into Great Tower-street. They were cut off by the police, and in a scuffle several people, including a Press photographer, received slight injuries.

In Manchester agitators created a rowdy scene outside the city Employment Exchange in Aytoun-street, off Piccadilly. They were making speeches of an inciting kind to a crowd of waiting unemployed when the police intervened with a request that they should "move on." Resistance led to a clash in which Superintendent Townsend received an injury to his head, and other officers were struck and kicked. Six arrests were made, and five men were charged later in the day at the City Police Court with disorderly conduct, and were each fined 40s. Two of them were also ordered to pay an additional fine of 40s. each for assaulting the police. The unemployed took no part in the disturbances.

Four men were arrested during a demonstration in Glasgow, and were charged with attempting to address meetings in George-square contrary to the by-laws. In Lanarkshire, where the Communists claim to have a strong following, deliberate plans to arrange a stoppage of industry for the day failed completely.

ARMAMENTS AND SECURITY

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION AND NAVAL CONFERENCE

A resolution forwarded to the Prime Minister yesterday by the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union states that the Committee sees with anxiety that the London Naval Conference does not at present appear to be justifying the high hopes with which it began of a large reduction of naval armaments among the Five Powers, and may even lead to an increase in the world's naval expenditure, and observes that the discussions appear still to be based on the assumption of the probability of war and of each State having to provide unaided for its security by means of its own armaments.

The resolution proceeds:—"The Executive ventures again to call attention both to (1) the Pact of Paris condemning recourse to war, and (2) the unanimous resolution of the Eighth Assembly of the League of Nations (September 26, 1927) that the principal condition of success in the reduction of armaments is 'that every State should be sure of not having to provide unaided for its security by means of its own armaments.'

"The Executive reaffirms its conviction that, owing to the security against war provided by the Covenant and the Pact of Paris, the Five-Power Naval Conference should result in a large all-round reduction of armaments, including the abolition of submarines and of warships above 10,000 tons so far as new construction is concerned, and the scrapping of a considerable number of existing battleships."

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WOOL TEXTILE WAGES

LORD MACMILLAN'S REPORT

"REDUCTION IMPERATIVE"

(FROM OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT)

Lord Macmillan has presented to the Minister of Labour his report "concerning the matters in dispute regarding wages in the Northern Counties wool textile industry." The dispute has been of long standing, and the Minister, when appointing Lord Macmillan to be a court of inquiry, gave as the reason for taking action the termination of the industry's wages agreement in November, 1927, the subsequent failure to secure agreement, and, in the absence of agreement, the occurrence of sectional disputes.

Lord Macmillan has come to the conclusion that a reduction of the wage rates is imperative. As to the condition of the industry he says:—

"I have satisfied myself of the gravity of the financial position of the industry. Some sections of the trade are in a better position than others. In particular, the finer end of the trade, producing the higher grades of worsteds, has not been hit to anything like the same extent as the sections doing what are known as the 'bulk' trades. Nevertheless, it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that, during the past five years, the financial position of the industry has become progressively worse, and has now reached a really critical stage.

"Upon this issue I must conclude that the employers' case is proved. I do not say that the industry will bleed to death. It is not far as I can judge, a trade which produces the finest manufactures of wool in the world, and both employers and operatives are devoting thought to the steps necessary for its re-establishment on a prosperous basis. I do say, however, that in present circumstances and upon its present basis the industry is in a most unsatisfactory if not an actually dangerous position."

COMPLICATED WAGE SYSTEM

The wage system of the woollen industry is complicated. Time-workers' wages are made up of a (1) base rate and a percentage addition to maintain for the 48-hour week the same weekly earnings as were formerly obtained in a 55½-hour week, which percentage is now regarded as part of the base rate; (2) a 10 per cent. addition, made in 1919, a time of prosperity, "to raise the general condition of the operatives"; and (3) a cost of living percentage on the base rates, subject to a maximum. For the main classes of workers the cost-of-living percentage has been since December, 1922, 72½ per cent. for time-workers, 63½ per cent. for piece-workers, and 55 per cent. for pressers and blanket raisers. In the Saddleworth district the percentages are different.

Lord Macmillan suggests that the base rate of time-rate workers should be unaltered, but that the 10 per cent. addition, which the industry can no longer bear in full, should be reduced to 5 per cent. (and as a corollary to this the 4s. added to the base rate of overlookers instead of 10 per cent. should be reduced to 2s.), and that the cost-of-living addition should be reduced to 64 per cent. The result upon time-workers' earnings for a full week would be a reduction of 9.249 per cent., but earnings would remain—apart from special increases of base rates in various sections of the industry and apart altogether from the reduction of hours—about 72 per cent. over full-time pre-War earnings.

Piece-rate workers have a base rate with 15.625 per cent. added as compensation for the reduction of hours; to this 10 per cent. is added and also 63½ per cent. as the cost-of-living addition, which amount represents 88 per cent. of the full cost-of-living addition for time-workers. Lord Macmillan proposes the retention of the base rates and of the 15.625 per cent. addition as compensation for the reduction of hours, but that the 10 per cent. addition should be reduced to 5 per cent. and that the 88 per cent. relation between piece-workers' cost-of-living bonus and the full bonus should be applied to the 64 per cent. he recommends for time-workers, so that the piece-workers' cost-of-living bonus would be 56.33 per cent. Adoption of these recommendations would bring about a reduction of piece-workers' earnings by 8.766 per cent. and they would then stand at about 90 per cent. above pre-War earnings.

Lord Macmillan recommends a new standard for the maximum cost-of-living bonus. He also suggests that the prevailing relation of 76 per cent. between the cost-of-living bonus for pressers and blanket raisers and the full bonus for time-workers should be retained, but should apply to a cost-of-living addition of 64 per cent. He is convinced of the need for a readjustment of the wages of women and juveniles in the worsted spinning section, and recommends that the anomalies between the wages and conditions in the Saddleworth district and those in other districts should be removed.

VALUE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Lord Macmillan's report is a reasoned document, dealing with the state of the industry, summing up the arguments presented by the employers and the trade unions, and setting out the reasons for his conclusions. It is of particular significance that in discussing the standard of living he takes account of the ameliorative effect of social services. After a reference to the undoubted improvement in the standard of living as compared with the pre-War period of the ordinary operative in anything like full-time improvement, Lord Macmillan refrains from expressing any view as to the adequacy of that standard either before or since the War, but adds:—

"In former times the prudent workman had to make provision out of his wages for various eventualities, the risk of which is now covered by one or other of what are known as the social services.' Admittedly, the workman contributes to some of these, but even in those cases the greater part of the necessary money comes from the State and from the employers. Thus the workman is now insured against ill-health, unemployment, accident, old age, and blindness, and provision is also made for his widow and orphans. In addition, money from public sources is provided in connexion with the health of mothers and children and the prevention and treatment of disease, as well as for the relief of the destitute and the care of the physically or mentally infirm.

"I do not propose to attempt any statistical measure of the value of these services, but I think it relevant to point out that they play a substantial part in improving the standard of life of the workman and lightening the burden on his wages. The important point in the present connexion is that many of these services have been instituted since the pre-War period, and almost all of those which existed in pre-War times have been expanded. In the present case, accordingly, it should be borne in mind that the average woollen operative has not only received an increase in wage rates substantially greater than the rise in the cost of living, but also has greatly expanded social services at his disposal."

MR. THOMAS AND RETAIL DISTRIBUTORS

INCREASING THE SALE OF BRITISH GOODS

On the invitation of the Lord Privy Seal, the Incorporated Association of Retail Distributors arranged for him to meet yesterday some of the leading persons in the retail distribution trade. Those attending were Sir Woodman Burbidge, of Harrods, Limited; Sir Frederick Richmond, of Debenham's, Limited, and the Drapery Trust, Limited; Mr. H. Gordon Selfridge; Mr. F. J. Marquis, of Lewis's, Limited; Mr. Trevor Bowen, of John Barker and Co., Limited; and Mr. Frank Chitham, chairman, and Mr. E. J. B. Lloyd, secretary, of the association.

After a full discussion, it was agreed that it should be a recommendation to all those engaged in retail distribution that they should do their utmost to increase the sale of British goods, and where difficulty was experienced in obtaining British goods of the right quality at the right price they should fully explore the position with the British manufacturers concerned, with a view to seeing whether it was not possible to overcome the difficulty.

ENGLAND'S NEED OF TREES

SIR JOHN STIRLING-MAXWELL, chairman of the Forestry Commission, speaking yesterday at the annual luncheon of the Federated Home Grown Timber Merchants' Associations at Cannon-street Hotel, said that England, as regards timber, was very badly off all round. The felling of timber during the War was said to have amounted to 450,000 acres, and the replacements since 1919 had certainly not been satisfactory. He hoped the time would come when the proper balance might be redressed between hard woods and conifers, and that the quota of hard woods would be increased.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS

ESTATE OF SIR JAMES BELL

SIR JAMES BELL, first baronet, C.B., LL.D., D.L., J.P., of Montgreenan, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, a director of the Midland Bank Limited and the Clydesdale Bank, Limited, chairman of the Glasgow Life Branch of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company, who died on December 13, aged 79, left, exclusive of real estate and settled property, personal estate valued for probate at £300,287, of which £291,552 is personal estate in Great Britain. Of this sum his interests in the Midland Bank are valued at £60,420, and his holdings of War Loans, &c., at £44,957. He left:—

£1,000 to the Glasgow Hospital Sunday Fund, for immediate division in accordance with its rules; £250 to the Royal Technical College, Glasgow; £500 to Miss M. Courtenay, matron of the Children's Home, at Montgreenan; £150 to his chauffeur, and £100 each to his estate carter and his electrician.

Mrs. GRIZEL COWIE, of Woodend, Partickhill-road, Glasgow, who died on November 12, aged 74, widow of C. R. Cowie, left unsettled personal estate in her own disposition valued for probate at £141,883, of which £128,011 is personal estate in Great Britain.

Mr. ALBERT SENIOR, C.B.E., J.P., of Forsbaca, Graham-road, Ranmoor, Sheffield, governing director of Messrs. George Senior and Sons, Limited, of Ponds Ford, Sheaf-street, Sheffield, iron and steel importers and steel forgers, a director of the Sheffield Forge and Rolling Mills Company, Limited, and of the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Company, Consul for Sweden in Sheffield, who died on December 29, aged 62, left unsettled property in his own disposition of the gross value of £101,135, with net personalty £96,800.

Miss POLYXENA THEOLOGO, of Lansdowne-road, Notting Hill, W., who died on February 2, left estate of the gross value of £25,861, with net personalty £25,747. She left:—

£200 per annum, a legacy of £150, and her wearing apparel (other than furs and jewelry) to her maid, Augusta Chapman; £500 to the Greek Church in London, desiring that the grave of her brother, Sophocles Theologo, in Norwood Cemetery, be kept in repair; £300 to Manchester Royal Infirmary; £200 to the Star and Garter Fund for Disabled Soldiers; and £100 to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

£100 each to her former gardener, Henry Thomas Bonner, and her old governess, Elizabeth Dodd.

Mr. FREDERICK HUGHES, of Anton-street, Hackney, E., and Mark-lane, E.C., died on November 15, aged 73, leaving £5,597, with net personalty £5,560. He gives:—

His clothes, books, and other articles, and the use of his residence rent free to his landlady, Maria Watts.

The residue of the property to Maria Watts for life, "in grateful recognition of her care of his grandmother, mother, and himself."

On her death, £300 each to the Operative Jewish Converts Institution, Hackney Downs, Cecil George Longcroft, for Rams Episcopal Chapel, Homerton, the National Benevolent Institution, the Royal Home for Incurables, Putney, and Dr. Barnardo's Homes; and £50 to the London Commercial Sale Rooms Benevolent Fund.

The ultimate residue to the Salvation ARMY.

Mrs. ALICE HENRIETTA RICARDO, of Berghmote, Wimborne, Dorset, who died on January 8, aged 80, widow of F. Ricardo, left estate of the gross value of £5,203, with net personalty £2,600. She left:—

£50 to her butler, Walter Bishop, if in her service at her death; and £100 to her former butler, John Last.

Other latest wills include the following:—

	Gross value
BOLTON, Mr. Thomas Simeon, F.R.A.S., M.B.A.A., of Waterloo Lodge, Bramley, Leeds, in business as an oil merchant in Leeds, for 16 years on the staff of the *Illustrated London News* (net personalty £1,730)	1,766
BROADBENT, Mr. Charles Henry (68), of Chapel-street, Hyde, Cheshire, auctioneer and estate agent (net personalty £13,919)	16,773
DIXON, Mr. Wayneman (85), of Ayton House, Great Ayton, late of the Cleveland Shipbuilding Company, Middlesbrough, for some years Hon. Vice-Consul for Japan in Middlesbrough (unsettled) (net personalty £1,549)	1,687
MURRAY, Mr. John Campbell, of Hagga Castle, Maxwell Park, Glasgow, retired estate agent (personal property)	22,301
RIDPATH, Mr. James Lionel Brookes (92), of Brittany Lodge, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. (net personalty £24,318)	24,843
WOOD, Mr. Russell Howard, C.B.E., of Yotel, Canford Cliffs, Dorset, chartered accountant (net personalty £16,016)	19,044

ECCLESIASTICAL NEWS

OCCASIONAL OFFICES IN THE NEW PRAYER-BOOK

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell), writing in the *Chichester Diocesan Gazette*, refers to his recent announcement that the use of the Occasional Offices in the Book of 1928 would be permitted only if he were satisfied that the consent of the parties concerned would always be obtained. He states that it has since been brought to his notice that a rigid adherence to the letter of this stipulation would in many instances be wholly impracticable—for example, in the case of a number of baptisms at once, or at the time of a particular burial service. He adds that in his opinion no clergyman would be likely to use the discretion allowed to him if he had reason to think that "the parties concerned" would raise objection. He will be perfectly satisfied himself if the clergy as a general rule carefully consider the known desires of the parishioners in making use of any additions to, or variations from, the Book of 1662 contained in the Book of 1928, when using the Occasional Offices.

NOTES

The Bishop of Melanesia (the Rt. Rev. F. M. Molyneux, formerly vicar of High Wycombe) is making a good recovery from his recent operation. He hopes to arrive in England about April 9.

The Rev. E. Castledine, vicar of Balby, Doncaster, from 1926, has been appointed vicar of Mexborough, Yorks.

The Council on Interchange of Preachers and Speakers between Great Britain and America announce that Dr. George L. Robinson, Professor at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Chicago, will preach in British pulpits during May and June. Professor Robinson has spent many years in exploration work in Sinai, and has published many books about his discoveries there. Mrs. A. Thompson, secretary of the council, 1, Brick-court, Middle Temple, will be pleased to give any information regarding appointments for Dr. Robinson in this country.

THE INTERNATIONAL BANK

SIR CHARLES ADDIS ON ITS FUNCTIONS

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

CARDIFF, MARCH 6

SIR CHARLES ADDIS, Director of the Bank of England and chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, addressed a joint meeting of the Cardiff Business Club and the Cardiff and District Institute of Bankers tonight on "The Bank for International Settlement." He said that one of the primary, but not one of the most important, functions of the bank would be to collect and distribute the German annuities. He described the constitution of the new bank, and said that it was hoped that by separating the statutes into administrative and constitutional sections it would allay the fears of those who saw in the bank an instrument of tyrranous political oligarchy or, on the other hand, of unbridled cosmopolitan finance, and would also allay the fears of those who dreaded that, unless they could give sufficient elasticity, the bank's future activities would be paralysed by a too rigid constitution.

Sir Charles Addis went on to describe the functions of the bank and said it was a misreading of its constitution to regard it as a super central bank. They would have to wait until they saw what the bank did before describing what it was. Until then they would have to describe it as a cooperative undertaking by the central banks of the reparation countries with a limited participation by the central banks of other countries. Great importance was attached to the task of the bank in promoting cooperation between the central banks, which was regarded as essential for the preservation of the international financial structure. It was in this task that he conceived the most salutary and beneficial influence of the new bank. It was possible to conceive with an institution of this kind some kind of association—a financial league of nations in which the central banks should be leagued together alongside the political institutions as a powerful adjunct for promoting international peace.

THE LONDON SCOTTISH

The Duke of Atholl presented prizes last night to members of the London Scottish (14th London Regiment) at the headquarters, Buckingham-gate. LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. LYALL GRANT, the Officer Commanding, said that the strength of the regiment was just over 600.

The DUKE OF ATHOLL said that the array of challenge cups was the biggest collection he had seen since he helped to raid a farm in South Africa years ago. He had realized at that time what these trophies meant to men who had to leave them behind so quickly, and he was glad now to look back on the fact that at the end of the South African War he was able to hand them back to their owners.

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY: MILD

Meteorological Office, March 6

GENERAL INFERENCE FROM OBSERVATIONS AT 6 P.M.—A shallow depression over the Irish Sea is likely to move north-eastwards and a new and deep depression in Mid-Atlantic is likely to move towards Iceland. A progressive change to the south-westerly type of unsettled weather seems probable, and conditions will be cloudy and mild generally, with some rain in most districts.

Forecasts for To-day

LONDON, ENGLAND, S.E., E., N.E., MIDLANDS, E., N., SCOTLAND, S.E.—Light to moderate westerly to south-westerly winds; cloudy, some slight rain; mild; fog locally early.

MIDLANDS, W., ENGLAND, S.W., N.W., WALES.—Moderate westerly to south-westerly winds; cloudy, some rain; mild; fog locally early.

FURTHER OUTLOOK.—Less settled generally. Continuing mild.

WEEK-END FORECAST FOR E. AND S.E. ENGLAND.—Probably less settled, with occasional rain. Continuing mild.

SEA PASSAGES

ENGLISH CHANNEL.—Light or moderate southerly to south-westerly winds; cloudy, some slight rain; fog locally at first; sea slight to moderate.

IRISH SEA.—Moderate westerly to south-westerly winds, fresh at times perhaps later; cloudy, some rain; fog locally early; sea slight to moderate.

FLYING PROSPECTS

AIR ROUTES (London-Paris-Brussels-Cologne-Amsterdam).—Wind south-westerly, 10-15 m.p.h. at surface, 15-25 m.p.h. at 2,000ft. Cloudy with occasional rain at first, mainly slight; fair later. Visibility 1,000-3,000 yards, improving to 3 to 6 miles.

Sun rises, 6.36 a.m.; sets, 5.48 p.m.
Moon sets, 1.4 a.m.; rises, 9.4 a.m.
First quarter, 4 a.m. to-morrow.
Lighting-up time, 6.18 p.m.
High water at London Bridge, 5.35 a.m., and 6.9 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, MARCH 6, 6 P.M.

Weather was mainly dull with fog or mist in many districts and rain or drizzle was general in western districts. 15mm. (0.59in.) fell at Morecambe and 13mm. (0.51in.) at Tenby, Ilfracombe, and Wallasey.

Day temperatures were very uniform on the whole, being within a few degrees of 50deg. At London (Kew) 54deg. was reached.

Sunshine was very scanty in nearly all districts. The best records received were 4.2 hours at Scilly, 3.1 hours at Banff, and 3 hours at Nairn.

LONDON OBSERVATIONS

KENSINGTON PALACE, MARCH 6, 6 P.M.—Bar., 1,017.6mb. (30.05in.), falling; temp., 50deg.; humidity 85 per cent.; wind, S., light; weather, overcast.

Wednesday, 6 p.m., to Thursday, 9 a.m.—Min. temp., 44deg.; rainfall, nil.

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Max. temp., 53deg.; rainfall, nil.

Sunshine at Kew, nil.

SUNLIGHT

The sunlight (ultra-violet rays) figures for the 24 hours ended 5 p.m. yesterday, supplied by the National Institute for Medical Research, were:—

Hampstead, ½; Kingsway, 0; Clacton, 0; Lowestoft, 0; St. Andrews, ½; Southport, 0; Torquay, 0; Ventnor, ½.

ARMY APPOINTMENTS

The War Office announces that the following appointments have been approved:—

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) E. N. Broadbent, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., to be Director of Movements and Quartering, The War Office, with effect from April 1, 1930.

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South Africa

This Summer Abroad

The month of April heralds the Winter in South Africa—a dry and bracing season of health, accompanied by sparkling days of sunshine and crisp clear nights on the invigorating High Veld situated at four to six thousand feet above sea level. At the lesser altitudes—in the Low Veld regions, and at Durban and the beautiful palm-fringed resorts on the Natal Coast—the Southern Winter brings in a succession of mild sunny days and cool nights.

The South African Winter, from April to September, is, therefore, the ideal season for visiting the great inland areas, including the Victoria Falls, the Matoppo Hills, the Game Reserves and National Parks of the Eastern Transvaal, and the Drakensberg Mountains, and also the glorious resorts of the Indian Ocean on the Eastern Littoral.

Sailings at reduced fares are being arranged by the leading Steamship Lines, including two Special Excursions from Southampton on 30th May and 11th June, 1930. Bookings for these and all other sailings, with complete inclusive tours in South Africa, are now being made, and full particulars will be sent on request to:—

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Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, MARCH 6

The King conferred the honour of Knighthood this morning upon the following Gentlemen, who were introduced into His Majesty's presence by the Right Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P. (Secretary of State for the Home Department):—

Mr. John Ballinger, Professor Granville Bantock, Mr. Herbert Carden, Mr. Lawrence Chubb, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Cole, Mr. Reginald Kennedy-Cox, Mr. Edward Knapp-Fisher, Mr. James Ford, Colonel St. John Gore, Mr. Charles Gott, Mr. William Hansell, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamish Knox, Professor Percy Nunn, Mr. Justice Charles Odgers, Mr. Archibald Page, Mr. George Paton, Mr. Tom Percival, Mr. John Ritchie, Lieutenant-Colonel Eccles Snowden, Mr. Alfred Tyler, Mr. Emery Walker, Mr. Frederick Wall, Mr. Percy Watkins, Mr. William Whyte, Mr. Courthope Wilson, Mr. Raymond Woods, and Mr. Wilfrid Woods.

The following were severally introduced into His Majesty's presence, when The King invested them with the Insignia of the respective Divisions of the Order into which they have been admitted:—

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Civil Division:—Officers:—

Maria, Mrs. DICKIN, Isabella, Mrs. McNAIR, Miss Helen PALIN, Miss Lily RICHARDS, Miss Dorothy WARD, Mr. Walter ADDYMAN, Mr. Frank BLACKBURN, Mr. Alfred BOND, Mr. Herbert BUCKLAND, Mr. William CHRIMES, Mr. Philip CLARK, Mr. Alfred CLUETT, Mr. William COOK, Mr. James DALTON, Mr. Edward DIXON, Mr. Botanny Downie, Mr. Alexander DONALD, Mr. John FITZSIMONS, Mr. Thomas HAWKINS, Captain Giovanni JENKINS, Captain Cyril LILLEY, Captain Roger LIPTROT, Mr. Robert McGREGOR, Major Hugh MACTIER, Mr. Herbert MITCHELL, the Revd. Canon William MORGAN, Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert CREAGH-OSBORNE, Mr. Charles PALMER, Mr. Thomas PREST, Mr. William ROSS, Dr. Edward RUSSELL, Mr. Michael RYAN, Mr. Henry SPENCER, Lieutenant-Colonel John STEELE, Mr. Arthur WARD, Mr. James WEST, Mr. William WILLIAMS, and Mr. William WILSON.

Members:—Miss Emily BAMBRIDGE, Miss Helen BUTLER, Mary, Mrs. COUTTS, Janet, Mrs. CRANSTON, Miss Lucy EMMERSON, Miss Jane FIFTH (Sister Clare), Miss Elsie HUGHES, Miss Harriet JAOUD, Dorothy, Mrs. MORGAN, Miss Constance SHIRLEY, Miss Edith SULLY, Mr. John AIKMAN, Mr. Henry ARMITAGE, Mr. Ernest BEARDSLEY, Mr. Thomas BERKERY, Mr. Ernest BENNETT, Mr. William BLOIS, Mr. Albert BOYD, Mr. Thomas BRAMAH, Mr. John CARR, Mr. Thomas CARR, Mr. Samuel CARTLETON, Mr. John COSCANSON, Mr. Charles CROUCH, Mr. Thomas ELLISON, Mr. Thomas ENNISON, Mr. Henry GODFREY, Mr. Arthur GOMME, Mr. Frank HOLLIS, Mr. James JOHNSON, Lieutenant James MAGUIRE, R.N., Mr. Henry MARSHALL, Mr. William MATHER, Mr. William MORRIS, Mr. Charles PEARCE, Mr. George PRESTICE, Mr. Percy RAFFAELLI, Mr. Tom ROBINSON, Mr. Ernest ROGERS, Mr. Arthur SAMPSON, Mr. Joseph SMITH, Mr. Henry TARRANT, Mr. James TERRESO, and Mr. Richard TRINICK. Mr. James WEBB, and Mr. Robert WHITLE.

His Majesty then conferred Decorations as follows:—

THE BOARD OF TRADE SILVER MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY IN SAVING LIFE AT SEA

Mr. William DOWNING, Second Mate, Mr. Ernest EXPLEY, Third Mate, Mr. John BROMAGE, Boatswain, and Mr. John CHIDLOW, Able Seaman, of the s.s. Manchester Regiment, of Manchester.

The s.s. Volumnia, of Glasgow, was on a voyage from Falmouth to the U.S.A., and from the time of sailing on November 28, 1929, very bad weather was encountered. On December 7 the vessel was hove to in a severe south-westerly gale with mountainous seas running, which constantly swept the deck, causing serious damage and putting the steam-steering gear out of action, and an S.O.S. was sent out.

The ss. Manchester Regiment responded and reached the vicinity about 3 a.m. on Sunday, December 8. She stood by waiting for a lull in the storm before trying to effect a rescue.

Later the Manchester Regiment sprayed oil on to the sea in order to make the work of rescue easier; at this stage the American ss. Saco arrived and gave valuable help by also spraying oil on to the sea.

At 9 a.m. there was a slight lull in the storm, and, although a dangerous sea was still running, the Master of the Manchester Regiment decided to attempt a rescue. All hands on board volunteered, and Mr. Downing was selected to take charge of the lifeboat, with Mr. Expley, Bromage, Chidlow, three other members of the crew and a passenger, to form the crew of the boat.

With great difficulty the life-boat was successfully launched, but while getting away Mr. Downing had the left hand severely crushed and the first joint of one of his fingers was severed. In spite of his injury he continued to take charge of the life-boat and by skilful seamanship succeeded, in two trips, in taking the entire crew of 43 off the Volumnia. During the operations several men fell into the water, but, fortunately, they were rescued.

Very great risk was incurred by the rescuing boat's crew owing to the tremendous sea running, and at times there was grave danger of the boat being capsized. The boat was so badly damaged that it had finally to be abandoned.

THE BOARD OF TRADE BRONZE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY IN SAVING LIFE AT SEA

Mr. William COMBON, Chief Officer of the ss. Manistee, of Liverpool.

The Canadian auxiliary-motor schooner Quarry Queen, of St. John, New Brunswick, was in distress in a strong westerly gale and heavy swell in the Atlantic Ocean on January 30, 1929; she was water-logged, her rudder had been carried away and seas were sweeping over her.

Her signals of distress were sighted during the afternoon by the ss. Manistee, of Liverpool. The Master altered the ship's course and proceeded to the assistance of the schooner and, as there were indications that the weather conditions would become worse, arrangements were made to send a boat away from the Manistee. The ship was manœuvred into a position to windward of the schooner in order to make a lee for a life-boat, and after a quantity of oil had been discharged on to the rough sea a life-boat was sent away in charge of Mr. W. D. Congdon, with a crew of eight seamen.

The boat's crew incurred considerable risk owing to the heavy gale and rough sea before they reached the schooner and took off the nine persons on board her, and Mr. Congdon had to exercise great skill to prevent the boat from being capsized and to get the rescued men safely on board the Manistee.

Mr. Edward FULLICK, Fourth Officer, Mr. Henry PARNELL, Able Seaman, Mr. Leslie PATTINSON, Able Seaman, and Mr. George STEWART, Able Seaman, of the ss. Armadale Castle, of London.

The fishing vessel Bluff, of Cape Town, left Durban on June 6, 1929, for the fishing grounds off North Sands and on the same day ran into squally weather. Early next day the wind had increased to gale force and a heavy sea swept the vessel, smashing the fishing gear; the wreckage jammed the steering gear, but fortunately this was freed. Shortly after heavy seas washed three of the crew overboard; two succeeded in regaining the vessel and the other managed to cling to a raft which had broken adrift and was picked up later on the beach. A course was then set for Durban, but soon afterwards a mooring wire fouled the propeller and stopped the engines. This time the crew were unable to clear the obstruction. The starboard anchor was let go but lost. After drifting for a while the Bluff let go the port anchor and succeeded in anchoring some two to two and a half miles from the shore.

About 7.30 a.m. the ss. Armadale Castle, en route from East London to Durban, approached and was attracted by signals of distress made by the Bluff. The heavy seas were still running, but the Armadale Castle was manœuvred into such a position that a lifeboat could be sent away. This boat was in command of Mr. Fullick, and was manned by Parnell, Pattinson, and seven other members of the crew. Owing to the state of the weather the approach to the wreck was very difficult, but Mr. Fullick succeeded in getting alongside and took off 10 of the crew of the Bluff before he was compelled to return to the Armadale Castle, as the life-boat had shipped so much water as to be in danger of sinking. On return to the Armadale Castle the life-boat was taken on board and the steamer was manœuvred to a more favourable position in the hope of making a further trip to the Bluff, as there were five men still on board that vessel. Mr. Fullick again took charge of the boat, which was manned by Parnell, Pattinson, Stewart, and six other men. By skilful seamanship Mr. Fullick took the boat a second time alongside the Bluff and rescued the remainder of the crew.

Great risk was involved in this rescue, which was carried out with commendable ability and gallantry. The rescuing boat was badly damaged and the boat's crew was injured. On the return of the boat to the Armadale Castle after the second trip, it was necessary to get both rescued and rescuers on board as quickly as possible as the Armadale Castle was drifting dangerously near the shore. The lifeboat had to be abandoned.

Mr. William STOKES, carpenter of the ss. Alice Marie, of Newfoundland.

The Frances Duncan sailed from Barry on the morning of December 4, 1929, with a cargo of coal bound for Rouen, carrying a crew of 21 hands. She soon ran into bad weather, and next morning the wind was blowing at storm force and a high confused sea was running from the south-west. At about 11.50 a.m., when at a distance of a mile to a mile and a half from the Longships Lighthouse, Land's End, she was struck by a tremendous sea which shook the whole ship and caused her to take a dangerous list to port.

The list increased and the crew were ordered to abandon ship. Within a few minutes the Frances Duncan was on her beam ends, and soon afterwards she turned turtle.

The Alice Marie was near and at once tried to give assistance. Despite the violence of the wind and the very rough seas, the master of the Alice Marie began to search for survivors and soon saw five men clinging to an upturned boat. The Alice Marie was manœuvred close to this boat and one man was got on board by means of a line. The boat drifted away, but the Alice Marie was managed once again to get alongside and three more survivors were rescued. The remaining man had died from exposure and had slipped into the sea.

By this time the Frances Duncan had sunk, but the search was continued, and two more survivors were seen floating on pieces of wreckage. Unfortunately, when the Alice Marie reached the wreckage it was found that one of the two men had disappeared. A rope was thrown to the remaining man, but he was too exhausted to make use of it. W. Stokes, engineer of the Alice Marie, then lashed a rope round his waist, went over the side down a rope ladder, and made a rope fast to the man in the water, who was thus safely taken on board.

Stokes incurred considerable risk, as he might quite easily have been swept away by the mountainous seas.

THE EDWARD MEDAL IN SILVER

Mr. Robert GLENDENNING.

THE EDWARD MEDAL

Mr. John BAKER, Mr. Samuel HUGHES, Mr. John KENNY, and Mr. James PURVIS.

On Friday, May 17, 1929, about 4.30 p.m., a telephone message was received at the office of the South Pontop Colliery, Durham, that Richard Lowes, one of the colliery deputies, had been injured during shotting operations. Robert Glendenning, an overman, 55 years of age, who was in the office, at once set off down the pit, and collecting two lads, James Sydney Purvis and John Thomas Baker, at the bottom of the shaft, and a train and stretcher, went in search of Lowes. They were joined by two hewers, John Kenny and Samuel Hughill.

Meanwhile, five other men had been trying to rescue Lowes. Four of these were overcome by carbon monoxide gas, while the fifth managed to crawl out just in time. It was on meeting this man some quarter of a mile from the scene of the accident that Glendenning realised the serious nature of the occurrence. He hurriedly organised his party, and by repeated efforts succeeded in extricating the five men who had been overcome. They were fortunately able to save the lives of two, but the other three were found to be dead.

The rescue party took such precautions as were possible as they proceeded, but first Kenny and then Hughill were at the time, but first Kenny and then Hughill were at the time, but they had, with fatality rendered unconscious. After they had, with fatality been removed from the danger area, Glendenning sent Purvis for further help and continued the rescue work with the assistance of Baker. Baker was next overcome and Glendenning was also affected by the fumes, but he continued his efforts until, when further help had arrived, he was able to bring out the last of the victims of the accident. He then collapsed and had to be carried out from the pit.

For an hour, during the whole of which time the atmosphere was thick with smoke and carbon monoxide gas, Glendenning showed great courage and resource and displayed high qualities of organisation in directing the rescue operations. He himself, and Baker, Hughill, Kenny and Purvis under his leadership, knowingly and repeatedly risked their lives in determined and sustained efforts to save the lives of their fellows, and there is no doubt that, but for their courageous action the death-roll would have been heavier than it was.

Mr. John SHEPHERD.

John Shepherd, together with Hugh Black, were detailed to clean a steam boiler at Palmers Shipbuilding and Iron Company, Limited, Jarrow, On October 16, 1929, Black entered the boiler and Shepherd was about to follow when he detected traces of gas. In reply to a call, he received only a faint reply from Black and immediately climbed inside to go to his help. He found Black half conscious some 25 feet from the boiler manhole. He endeavoured to drag him to the opening but had to abandon the attempt as he was succumbing to the action of the gas. He made his way out of the boiler, called for help and, though still seriously affected by the gas, returned with a rope which he tried to fasten round the comrade who was then unconscious. He collapsed, however, before being able to do so.

Further assistance was procured. Compressed air was used to clear the gas out of the boiler, and eventually a rescue party wearing respirators succeeded in extricating both Black and Shepherd. Black unfortunately died a few hours later.

Twice during the course of the rescue operations Shepherd put his life in grave danger in a brave attempt to save the life of his fellow-workman.

Mr. Albert TYLER.

On October 19, 1929, William Tyler and his two sons, Ernest and Albert, were engaged in cleaning and enlarging the cess pit of a factory at Burnham Green, near Welwyn. Ernest Tyler, who had been lowered to the bottom of the pit by means of a bucket attached to a rope, became affected by gas and at his own request was being drawn up to the surface, but he fell out of the bucket when about 25ft. from the top of the pit. William Tyler at once descended to the rescue of his son, but collapsed, and became unconscious on reaching the bottom of the pit. In spite of the entreaties of his father and brother, which he had witnessed, Albert Tyler attempted to descend the pit and to rescue his relatives. He was driven back by the gas four times, but at the fifth attempt he succeeded in reaching his father and brother and in passing a rope around them. They were hauled to the surface, but artificial respiration and the administration of oxygen failed to revive them.

Albert Tyler undoubtedly displayed great courage and determination in his attempts to save his father and brother. The rescue operations lasted over a period of about 40 minutes, and every time he entered the pit he must have been fully aware that he was endangering his own life.

Mr. Joseph WILSON.

On April 19, 1929, a fall occurred at the Murton Colliery of the South Hetton Coal Company, which resulted in the complete burial of one man, Ralph Chisholm, and the partial burial of another, David Stevenson. Joseph Wilson heard the fall and immediately hurried to the place and protected Stevenson from further falls by standing over him and shielding him with his body, while others attempted to free the imprisoned man. Stevenson was liberated after 35 minutes, during which the whole roof in the locality was "working," and further falls were continually taking place. When the rescue operations were completed, Wilson himself was buried above the knees and unable to move. Ralph Chisholm was unfortunately found to have died from suffocation.

Wilson's action in interposing his body between the falling débris and the imprisoned man almost certainly saved Stevenson's life, and gravely endangered his own.

The Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Right Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P. (Secretary of State for the Home Department), had an audience of His Majesty.

The Queen, attended by the Lady Cynthia Colville, visited the Exhibition of Modern Embroidery, held by the Embroiderers' Guild at Messrs. Walker's Galleries.

Dame Janet Campbell (Ministry of Health) had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

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The Duke of York, attended by Commander Harold Campbell, was present at the Banquet of the British Engineering Standards Association, which was held at the Grocers' Hall this evening.

The Spanish Ambassador will return to London to-day from Rome.

The German Ambassador has left London for Germany, and will be absent for about a week.

The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn will leave 68, Mount-street on Sunday for Government House, Hillsborough, County Down.

The Earl and Countess of Abingdon have left London for Paris, and will be away for about three weeks.

The Countess of Oxford and Asquith will return to 42, Bedford-square next Wednesday from Paris.

Viscountess D'Abernon returned to 12, Arlington-street yesterday from Rome. Viscount D'Abernon will join her shortly.

Charlotte Lady Inverclyde will return to 10, Berkeley-square this week-end from the country.

Baroness de Goldsmid has returned to 35, Chesham-place from Egypt and Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain and Miss Dorothy Chamberlain will disembark from the Modasa to-day at Marseilles, and will travel overland. They hope to reach London on Saturday evening.

The Hon. Violet Vivian arrived at 42, Gloucester-place yesterday on a short visit from Bangor.

The Hon. Mrs. Wilfrid Abel-Smith and Mrs. Alasdair MacGregor of Cardney will give a dance for their daughters, Miss Sylvia Abel-Smith and Miss Gelda MacGregor, on June 3.

The Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville has left London for the Continent.

The Hon. Evan and Mrs. Morgan returned to 40, South-street on Wednesday from the West Indies.

Lady Cowan will be at home at 215, Ashley-gardens, S.W.1, on Thursday, March 13, to meet Sir Ronald and Lady Ross.

Lady McClean has returned to Huntercombe Place, Oxfordshire, from the West Indies.

General Sir Charles and Lady Alice Fergusson will arrive in England in the Rangitata on March 14.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lyon have left Appleton Hall, Cheshire, and in future their address will be Newtown House, Newbury, Berks.

Owing to illness Mrs. Herbert Da Costa has left London for New Lodge, Windsor, and will be away several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Taylor and their daughter, Miss Dorothy Taylor, returned to London from the South of France yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lindesay sailed yesterday in the Majestic for New York, and return to London at the end of April.

The Queen, attended by Lady Cynthia Colville, honoured Mr. Eric Chenevix Trench with a visit to his gift shop at 63B, Elizabeth-street, Eaton-square, yesterday afternoon, and made several purchases.

The Queen yesterday inspected the collection of early English porcelain, lent by Lord and Lady Fisher, at the galleries of Messrs. Stoner and Evans, 3, King-street, St. James's-square.

Princess Helena Victoria has consented to attend to-morrow an entertainment by the members of the Aldenham and Bow-road Red Triangle Clubs at 37, Portland-place (lent by Lord Aldenham).

DANCE

MRS. TATE

Mrs. Tate gave a dance last evening at 22, Lennox-gardens, for Miss Monica Tate. Newman and his band played.

Dinner-parties for the dance were given by:—

The Countess of Hardwicke, Lady Betty Trafford, Lady Eyres-Monsell, the Hon. Lady Quilter, Mrs. Jack Hughes, Mrs. Archibald Horne, Mrs. Henry Tate, and Mrs. Harold Hall.

Among the guests were:—

Lady Elizabeth Yorke, Lady Beatrix Cadogan, Lady Patricia Moore, Lady Anne Cole, Lady Elizabeth Meade, Miss Joan Eyres-Monsell, Miss Wilhelmine Hope, Miss Ursula Kearsley, Miss Monica Duncan, Miss Renée Alston, Miss Daphne Kingsmill, Miss Zoë Quilter, Miss Diana Hoare, Miss Diana Thorne, Miss Gillian Barrington, Miss Geraldine Sandbach, and the Hon. Diana Russell.

Notices of Forthcoming Marriages and other Society Announcements on this page are inserted at the following rates: Three guineas for five lines or less, and twelve shillings and sixpence for each additional line. A line consists of about six words. Announcements, which are subject to editorial revision, should be addressed to the Manager, Private Announcement Department, "The Times, London, E.C.4. Block letters should be used for names and addresses.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

MR. R. D. M. CAPEL MIERS AND MISS H. BUCKNILL

The engagement is announced of Mr. Ronald D. M. Capel Miers, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, eldest son of the late Captain D. N. C. Capel Miers, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, and of Mrs. Capel Miers, 2, Roland-mansions, Rosary-gardens, S.W.7, and Honor, second daughter of the late Sir John A. Bucknill and of Lady Bucknill, Oakfield House, Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset.

DR. W. PLAYFAIR AND MISS EDMONDS

The engagement is announced between Dr. Walter Playfair, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Lorna, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold Edmonds, of Glen Lorne, Salisbury, Rhodesia. Present address, 1, Embankment-gardens, S.W.3.

MR. P. L. YOUNG AND MISS P. GAITSKELL

The engagement is announced between Mr. Peter Leslie Young, son of Captain G. A. W. Young, and Mrs. Edgar Bridges, of 12, Sloane-court, S.W., and Miss Pamela Gaitskell, daughter of Major and Mrs. Charles Gaitskell, of The Stone House, Nairobi.

MR. G. H. S. DU PONTET AND MISS STEBBING

The engagement is announced between Godfrey Henry Stebbing, only son of Mr. Clement Du Pontet, of Townings, Wiveliefield, Sussex, and of the late Mrs. Du Pontet, and Phœbe Beatrice, eldest daughter of the late Mr. G. A. Stebbing and of Mrs. Stebbing, of Staplefield Grange, Staplefield, Sussex.

MR. E. R. ORME AND MRS. LEE

The marriage arranged between Mr. E. Robert Orme and Mrs. Gerald D. Lee will take place quietly on Monday, March 10, at Thornton Hough.

MR. A. N. CARRITT AND MISS GADSBY

The marriage arranged between Alfred Newson Carritt, only son of the late Ernest Carritt and Mrs. E. B. Carritt, and Frances Ann Gadsby, eldest daughter of Frank Gadsby and Mrs. Gadsby, will take place quietly at St. Andrew's, Ashley-place, at 2.15 p.m., on Thursday, March 13. There will be no reception, but all friends will be welcome at the church.

MARRIAGES

DR. G. BENTLIF AND MISS NETTLETON

(FROM OUR CANNES CORRESPONDENT)

The marriage took place on Tuesday at the Royal Memorial Church of St. George, Cannes, of Dr. Graeme Bentlif, of Jersey, and Miss Cynthia Nettleton, daughter of Sir Sydney Nettleton, Chief Justice of Gibraltar, and Lady Nettleton. The Bishop of Gibraltar officiated, assisted by the Rev. G. Elliott, and the civil ceremony was celebrated the previous day at the British Consulate-General at Nice.

Mr. Melville Walker was best man, and the bridesmaids were Miss Phyllis King-Farlow, Miss Diana Ashcroft, Miss Penelope Whiston, Miss Jean Fairlie, Miss Ruth Runciman, and the Misses Anne and Elisabeth Boot. A reception was held in the afternoon by Lady Trent at the Villa Springland, nearly 200 guests being present. The honeymoon is being spent in Corsica.

MR. H. F. CHAMBERS AND MISS SCOTT

The marriage took place yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, of Mr. Holroyd Ferris Chambers, younger son of Sir Theodore G. Chambers and Lady Chambers, of Shewglie, Welwyn Garden City, and Miss Audrey Scott, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Scott, of 32, Redcliffe-square, S.W. The Rev. Rupert Strong officiated.

Major-General Sir Fabian Ware gave the bride away. She wore an ankle-length gown of ivory satin with long sleeves, the skirt forming a full, short train at the back. The neck was lightly embroidered with pearls, and pearls and orange blossom formed her halo headdress. Her veil was of real lace, and she carried a sheaf of white carnations and heather. There were four little girl bridesmaids—Miss Anne and Miss Rosemary Combe, Miss Joanne Whidborne and Miss Gillian Wharton. They wore long frocks of pale shell-pink moiré patterned all over with small roses in a deeper shade of pink. They had Dutch caps of écru-coloured lace, and carried Victorian posies. Mr. John A. F. Watson was best man, and a reception was held afterwards at 156, Sloane-street. Among the guests were:—

Sir Theodore and Lady Chambers, Mrs. Scott, the Misses Chambers, Mrs. E. Preston, Admiral Chambers, Lady Ware, Miss Ware, Sir Basil Blackett, Miss Blackett, Lady Perrott, Miss Perrott, Captain E. Wharton, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Whidborne, Mrs. Trumper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trumper, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lucas, Mrs. Malcolm Sandeman, Mr. Robert Sandeman, Miss Hope Sandeman, Major and Mrs. Living-stone, Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gillett, Mr. and Mrs. Burnet, Mrs. Nowell, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Rupert Strong, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Maddieux, Miss Fullar, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Goggin, Mrs. Eric Wharton, Mrs. Maitland Watson, Mrs. Sled-ham, Mrs. Charles Combe, Mrs. Corfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adams, Dr. Fuller, Miss Sandeman, Mrs. Townley Mayo, Mrs. Norman MacCrae, Miss Sam, Mrs. Arthur Lermit, Mr. Henry Sherwin, Miss Holme, Mr. Theophilus Sandeman, Miss Gardner, Miss Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Garrard, Dr. Fry, Mr. Crofton Black, Mrs. Butler, Miss A. Charles, Mr. F. Holcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fullar, Mr. and Mrs. Daum, Mrs. Bedella, Miss Perry, Mrs. Douglas, Mr. H. Watney, Miss Hare, Mrs. Hindle, Mrs. Whidborne, Mrs. H. Ingram, Major and Mrs. A. Savill, Miss Whidborne, Mr. and Mrs. Symes, Mr. and Mrs. Boustead, Miss Seton, Mr. Graham Motion, Mrs. Goudy, Dr. and Mrs. Gray, Captain and Mrs. Heins, and Mrs. Allen.

RECEPTIONS

THE AFGHAN MINISTER

The Afghan Minister held a reception at the Afghan Legation on Tuesday in celebration of "Eid-ul-Fitr."

Among those present were:—

Mr. Arthur Henderson (accompanied by Mr. Oliphant and Mr. Selbie, of the Foreign Office), the Japanese Ambassador, the German Ambassador, the Soviet Ambassador, the Lithuanian Minister, the Persian Minister, the Minister for Iraq, the Polish Counsellor and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, Lord and Lady Headley, Sir Henry and Lady McMahon, Sir Louis and Lady Dane and Miss Dane, and the President of the Palestine Society.

MRS. BALDWIN

Mrs. Stanley Baldwin was at home yesterday afternoon at 10, Upper Brook-street. This was the third of the at homes which she will give before Easter, and both the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Howard and Mrs. Gordon Munro were present. Other guests included:—

The Polish Ambassador, the Netherland Minister and Mme. de Marees van Swinderen, the Bulgarian Minister and Mme. Hadji-Mischeff, Mlle. Hadji-Mischeff, the Finnish Minister and Mme. Saastamoinen, the Liberian Minister and Mme. Dresselhuys, the Persian Minister, the Minister for Panama and Mme. Pereira, the Mexican Minister and Mme. Ortiz, the Earl and Countess of Cattlestewart, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Hanworth, Field-Marshal Viscount and Viscountess Allenby, Susan Duchess of Somerset, the Countess of Halsbury, Lady Flavia Gifford, Earl and Countess Stanhope, Viscountess Sandhurst, Viscountess Astor, M.P., Lord Erskine and Lady Marjorie Erskine, Contesse di Sani Elia, Lord and Lady Hamilton-Russell, Sir Phillip and Lady Cunliffe-Lister, Lady Alexander, Sir Douglas and Lady Newton, Lady Capel-Cure, Sir Edward and Lady Dawson, Sir Samuel and the Hon. Lady Hill-Wood, Sir Ambrose and Lady Selby-Bigge, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Douglas Vickers, Professor and Mrs. H. K. Cornine, Miss Ursula Corning, Major-General Sir Alfred and Lady Knox, Lady Dawson, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Pinnell, Mr. Lady Youngbusband, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry and Lady McMahon, Sir Thomas and Lady Neave, Miss Neave, Mrs. Richard Raphael, Sir Henry and Lady Batterton, Captain and Mrs. Phillip and the Hon. Lady Sheeley-Rolls, Sir Alfred and Lady Butt, Major and the Hon. Mrs. Tryon, Sir George and Lady Dance, Lady Rodd, Colonel Sir Henry and the Hon. Mrs. Page Croft, Miss Elizabeth Page Croft, Mme. E. Tavizadeh, Commander Sir Bolton and Lady Eyres-Monsell, Miss Eyres-Monsell, Miss J. Eyres-Monsell, Sir Fisher and Lady Dike, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell, Mr. and Mrs. John Tinne, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rye, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Samuel, Mr. W. G. Black, Mrs. J. Copestake, Mrs. Locker-Lampson, the Misses Locker-Lampson, Mrs. Cameron-Ramsay-Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haslam, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paget, Captain and Mrs. Harry Crookshank, Miss B. Crookshank, Miss V. Parnter, Miss K. Parnter, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sharman-Crawford, Mr. Ernest G. Raphael, Captain Alan Graham, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rees, Mrs. Sandham, Mr. Frank Souter, Miss Souter, Mr. Henry Paget, the Rev. Sydney Bevan, Mrs. F. R. S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Napier Ledingham, and Mr. Eric Dance.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE

The British Commonwealth League held a reception at the Suffolk Galleries last night in honour of the ladies of the delegations to the Naval Conference.

SERVICE DINNERS

97TH WEST KENT YEOMANRY

The 97th West Kent Yeomanry dinner was held last night at the Trocadero Restaurant. Among those present were:—

Colonel H. Halford Dawes, Major C. Ponsonby, Major H. Bagnall, Major R. C. Hollebone, Captain H. Christie, Captain S. G. Thompson, Captain Wards, and Messrs. D. Warner, A. J. Burrows, W. J. H. de W. Mullens, C. C. Day, W. J. Harris, G. W. Elgar, and A. W. Gulland.

THE LADYSMITH GARRISON

Forty-three officers of the Ladysmith Garrison dined at the Cavalry Club on February 28, under the chairmanship of Lieutenant-General Sir William Campbell. A telegram was received from the organizers of the 30th anniversary celebration at Ladysmith (held on March 1).

Ecclesiastical News and Wills and Bequests will be found on page 18

MEMORIAL AND FUNERAL SERVICES

MR. J. K. FOSTER

A memorial service for Mr. J. K. Foster was held yesterday at St. Saviour's Church, Walton-street, Chelsea. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Harold E. Trask and Prebendary J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell. Among those present were:—

Mrs. Arthur Foster, Mr. L. G. Foster, Captain Alwyn Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Foster, Miss Moira Foster, Mrs. Philip Foster, Miss Irene Foster, Mrs. Frank Foster, Sir Ernest and Lady Tritton, Sir John Fox, Sir Courtauld Thomson, Lieutenant-Colonel and Lady Victoria de Trafford, Captain the Hon. William and Mrs. Stourton, the Hon. Mrs. Herbert Stourton, Lady Katharine le Poer Trench, Sir Mark and Lady Rachel Sturgis, Mrs. Julian Sturgis, Countess Cairns, Sir George and Lady Younghusband, Admiral Sir Richard and Lady Webb, Sir Arnold and Lady Lawson, the Hon. Francis Egerton, Lady Donington, the Hon. Mrs. Richard Emmott, Lady (Alexander) Lawrence.

Mr. Guy Eden, Mr. and Lady Cecilie Goff, Lord and Lady Inchiquin, Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. Murrough O'Brien, Sir James Grant, Sir FitzRoy Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe, Sir William Worsley, Lieutenant-Colonel and the Hon. Mrs. Waters, Mr. Hubert Bailey (Director of the London and North Eastern Railway and King's Lynn Docks), Mr. R. Wood, Mrs. Laurie Oppenheim, Miss E. Egerton Warburton, Miss L. Egerton Warburton, Mrs. Hopton Cook, Mr. Octavius Brooke, Mr. J. L. Dugdale, Miss Forbes, Mrs. Edward Seymour, Mrs. Hamilton-Keene, Mrs. Edward Ussher, Colonel Asher, M.P., Mrs. R. M. Woodehouse, Mrs. Percy Lowe, Mrs. H. L'Estrange, Mr. T. J. Bond, Mr. C. Jackson, Mr. Algernon Mansel, Captain Gerrard Sturgis, Mr. Roland Sturgis, Mr. J. D. Patterson, Mrs. Godfrey Palmer, Captain Trevor, Mr. W. Arkwright, Mr. and Mrs. Mordaunt Cave Booth, the Hon. Kenneth and Mrs. Campbell, Colonel E. L. Strutt, and Mr. Frederick Meiklejohn.

The funeral of Mr. J. K. Foster took place at St. Hilda's Church, Egton, Yorkshire, yesterday. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Steel (vicar), who was assisted by the Rev. M. A. Cooper-Horsfall, the Rev. A. A. Slipper, Canon R. G. Glennie, and the Marquess of Normanby. The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Foster (widow), Miss Joan Foster (daughter), Captain and Mrs. G. Young-husband (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Foster (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. P. E. Foster (brother), Colonel E. Foster, Captain Gerald Foster, and Captain Ronald Foster. Mr. Phillip Foster was prevented by illness from attending. Among others present were:—

Colonel the Hon. Talton and Mrs. Willoughby, Sir John and Lady Harrowing, the Misses Yeoman, Major and Mrs. R. B. Turton, Mr. W. Nest Walker, Major E. V. Brocklebank, Captain C. Medlicott, Mrs. C. Richardson, Colonel Pinkney, Mr. J. Warters, and Dr. English.

SIR A. GRACIE

The funeral of Sir Alexander Gracie took place at Hillfoot Cemetery, Glasgow, yesterday. The mourners included representatives of the Glasgow Town Council, the Trades House, the University, and the shipbuilding community. A service was held in Westbourne Church, and among those present were:—

Dr. William Brodie, Mr. J. Foster King, of the Institute of Naval Architects, Mr. A. A. Steven, of the Lint-house Shipbuilding Company, Dean of Guild Robertson, Sir Henry Mechan, Lorimer Commander W. H. Wood,

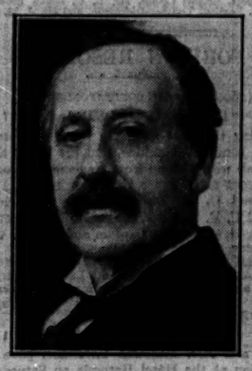
THE FLOODS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE: SCENES OF DESOLATION

DEVASTATED MONTAUBAN.—As a result of the most severe and extensive floods on record in France, thousands of people have been made homeless and hundreds of lives have been lost in the south and south-west. Above is a scene of desolation at Montauban, the chief town of the Department of Tarn-et-Garonne, where few houses have escaped damage, and many, undermined by the long soaking, have collapsed.

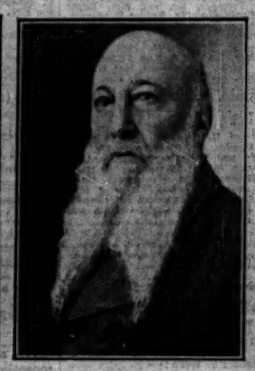
HOMES DESTROYED.—A ruined cottage at Albias, in the Department of Tarn-et-Garonne. The President and the Prime Minister are leaving Paris this evening for the devastated region.

HOMELESS CHILDREN in the flooded area. Towards the relief of distress the French Government has made an emergency grant of £250,000.

THE DAMAGED RAILWAY.—The main railway line from Toulouse to Bordeaux was submerged for some distance at Montauban, and the picture on the left shows the extent of the damage. It will take several months to repair the track. On the right is another view of Montauban, with the ruins of a church on the left.



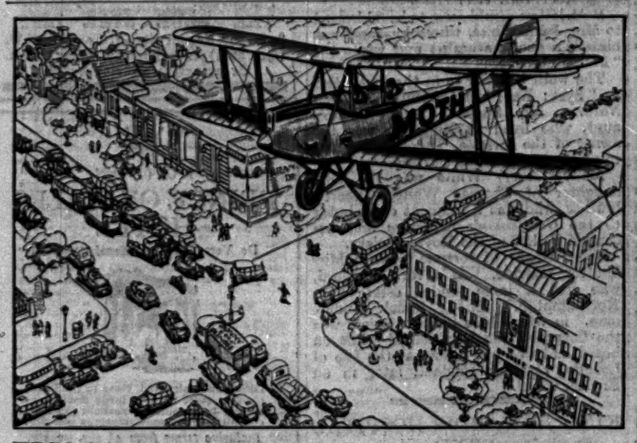
LORD GLADSTONE, who died early yesterday, aged 76. The youngest son of Mr. Gladstone, he was the first Governor-General of South Africa.



GRAND ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ, whose death at the age of 80 is announced. He was the creator of the powerful German fleet of 1914.

MEMORIAL TO LORD HAMBLEDEN.—Lord Riddell unveiled yesterday in Lincoln's Inn Fields a memorial to Lord Hambleden. The bust is the work of Mr. A. G. Walker, A.R.A., and the pedestal was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, R.A.

THE BEAUFORT POINT-TO-POINT RACES.—Over the wall in the Buck's Club and Inter-clubs' race at the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Point-to-Point Races at Leighterton, Gloucestershire, yesterday. Major G. Phipps-Hornby, the winner (on Ross) is the left of the leading pair.



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GRAND ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ

MAKER OF THE GERMAN FLEET

Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, whose death yesterday, just before what would have been his 81st birthday, is announced on another page, possessed in a high degree the double capacity of working unweariedly at detail and of laying large plans. Nothing was too big or too small for him. All that appertained to the German Fleet bore the impress of his mind. He raised it from nothing to the position it held in 1914; he had thought of its tactics, its *personnel*, its armour, guns, coal, and rivets. In spite of his long service ashore, he could have commanded the German Fleet at Jutland with the same ability as Admiral Scheer. His opinions on design and armament proved extraordinarily sound; for he had formed them slowly and experimentally by long study of technical questions. His thought was always practical; he never pinned his faith to formulæ and catchwords. Citizens of modern Germany are probably inclined to remember the extravagance of an old man who joined in the noisy, foolish demonstrations of the German Fascists. But if their sons and grandsons remember Von Tirpitz as the patient worker, who was as willing to labour with spanners and riveting tools aboard his torpedo-boats as he was to spend all his days in his office at the Reichs Marine Amt, drafting memoranda, preparing estimates, reading and minuting dockets, they will keep a juster impression of the man.

Alfred von Tirpitz was born at Küstrin in 1849. He was of the old Prussian landowning stock, and his ancestors had served the State for many centuries. His parents sent him to the Real schule at Frankfort-on-Main, where he showed no particular ability or taste for study. One of his schoolmates decided to go into the Prussian Navy, and persuaded Von Tirpitz to go with him. In the sixties the naval service possessed little social status and few professional attractions, while the Tirpitz family had a tradition of distinction in the higher branches of the public service. In the end, however, Von Tirpitz prevailed over his father's opposition, and passed the entrance examination high up on the list in 1865. For the next 30 years he was continuously at sea. The Prussian Navy was but little engaged in the Continental campaigns of 1864, 1866, and 1870, but he lived through these years under war conditions, and the inability of the German Fleet to influence the course of the Franco-Prussian War made a deep impression upon him.

FIRST STEPS

In the decade following the war with France, the German Navy remained what it had been before 1870, a coast defence force; and it was during this period that Von Tirpitz, then a lieutenant-commander, drew attention to himself by his memoranda and minutes upon the submarine torpedo, then a novelty in naval armaments. The generals who controlled the German Navy in those days—Stosch and Caprivi—were willing to spend money on making it an efficient mobile defence for the Bight and the approaches to the Baltic harbours, and the torpedo arm seemed to them a weapon admirably suited to the small navy that they desired to maintain. Von Tirpitz worked at the problem of torpedo firing from fixed defences and from ships at sea, and obtained Caprivi's consent to the creation of a special torpedo section in 1885.

Meanwhile the German Navy was slightly expanding. The captains of the coast defence ships that formed the bulk of the Fleet had elaborated a system of tactics to be followed in an action against a superior enemy attacking the Bight, and Commander Von Tirpitz gave practical demonstrations of the manner in which his torpedo-boats could co-operate with the Battle Fleet. In 1892 he was appointed to the Naval Staff at Berlin, when Admiral Hollmann was Naval Secretary of State. The High Naval Command was split into three departments: (1) the office of the Secretary of State, who was responsible for estimates, material, and *personnel*; (2) the office of the Chief of the Naval Staff, who was responsible for plans and operations; and (3) the office of the Chief of the Naval Cabinet, who was responsible for appointments, promotions, and honours. Von Tirpitz had always desired a centralization of the High Command, and proposed to Admiral Hollmann that the Naval Staff should be made a branch of the Naval Secretary's Department. Hollmann could not agree, and the divisions remained. This peculiar constitution of the High Naval Command greatly affected Von Tirpitz's subsequent career.

In 1895 he was promoted to rear-admiral, and appointed to the command of the Asiatic Cruiser Squadron in the following year. The German Government of the day was determined to play a part in Far Eastern politics, and Von Tirpitz was ordered to advise the home authorities on the best site for a naval base. Russia had then established herself at Port Arthur and Great Britain at Wei-hai-wei. After long consideration Tirpitz advised Tsingtao. He had to overcome considerable opposition, for German naval experts and diplomatists were much divided; but in the end his advice was taken, and it was due to him that the administration of Tsingtao was left largely in naval hands.

NAVAL SECRETARY

On his return home he was made Secretary of State for the Navy; he occupied the post for 18 years. If his new duties had been similar to those of his predecessors, who every year had presented humdrum estimates to an indifferent Reichstag with a humdrum explanation, no special aptitude would have been necessary. But Von Tirpitz went to the Navy Office with the intention of persuading the Emperor, the Reichstag, and the German nation that Imperial Germany must create a first-class Battle Fleet. His previous career had given him no preliminary training for this tremendous task. He had not studied oratory; he had only written on technical subjects; he had never practised the art of meeting objections and of talking people over. He was, indeed, autocratic in mind and manner, and very little inclined to consider opinions opposed to his own. But he was well aware of his limitations, and he went cautiously to work. He could cooperate with old friends, and for months he worked at the draft of his first Navy Bill with Admiral Von Capelle, whom he had known for many years.

He presented his Navy Bill to the Reichstag in 1898, and persuaded the Deputies to pass it. The Bill was not, in itself, a particularly ambitious project: it made provision for creating a battle fleet of 17 battleships and a cruiser force of nine large and 26 small cruisers. The programme was to be completed in seven years, and the average annual expenditure on new construction was to be about 7,000,000 marks. During the discussions on the Bill, Tirpitz gained the support of the commercial classes; the National Liberals, and later the Centre Party, became convinced adherents to the naval programme. The Conservative parties, which were largely composed of great landowners, in whom the old Continental and military traditions were strong, were doubtful.

The building of the Imperial German Navy was therefore sanctioned by those sections of the population which were most concerned in the growth of German industry and German trade. Von Tirpitz succeeded from the outset in obtaining wide national approval for the creation of the fleet. It was a great achievement which could only have been carried through by a man of great adaptability and force of character. He made himself a good Parliamentarian in the same way that he had made himself a good torpedo specialist and a good staff officer. He altered his ways of life, interviewed Press representatives, encouraged pamphleteers, persuaded wealthy men to finance the new Navy League, met Reichstag Deputies of all parties at receptions and dinners, stimulated his supporters, and argued patiently with waverers. The German Navy Bill of 1898 aroused no apprehensions abroad. The British Battle Fleet was then far stronger than the projected German fleet, and the French fleet was still sufficiently powerful to meet the expanded German Navy.

ARMAMENTS RACE BEGUN

Two years later, however, Von Tirpitz brought in and passed a second Navy Bill, which definitely opened a race in naval armaments. By this Bill the German battle fleet of the 1898 Bill was to be doubled by the year 1916. All foreign observers who watched the passage of the Bill and studied the procedure of those who supported it realized that this second project was very different in aim and character from the first. The preamble to the Bill was a stirring appeal to Germans to spend millions for the support of German military prestige, and the Navy League published over a million pamphlets in support of the measure. The *bourgeois* parties rallied solidly round the Naval Secretary, and the new Navy Law was passed.

When this second Navy Bill became law the British Fleet was composed of 41 first-class and 11 second-class battleships, and our cruiser forces were extremely numerous; we had in commission 111 first and second class cruisers, and 46 small cruisers of about 3,000 tons or less. There was no immediate need for alarm; but it was obvious that the existing superiority in battleships would have to be jealously guarded. From now onwards the German Naval Estimates were closely analysed and studied by our Naval publicists; and Parliament took note of them. During the next five years the impression prevailed in England that the provisions of the German Navy Law of 1900 would be exceeded. Our immediate reply was to build the King Edward class, and slowly to increase the strength of our battle fleet. In 1905 48 first-class British battleships were in full commission, and it was then announced that the German battle fleet would be composed of 38 first-class ships in 1916. There was still no cause for alarm, as our ships were individually far stronger than the German.

DREADNOUGHTS

In 1906, however, the Dreadnought was launched, and this made naval competition acute. The difference in the fighting power of a battleship of this type and the most heavily armed vessel of any previous type was so great that all earlier vessels were automatically thrown into reserve. The Dreadnought fleet, by its mere appearance, dissipated our surplus strength in old battleships, and our immense superiority in King Edwards, Majestics, and pre-Majestics vanished. Henceforward one question dominated the minds of all Naval men; how many Dreadnought battleships and battle cruisers could Germany build, and how many did she intend to build? In 1900 the Germans had entered the race in naval armaments at an immense handicap; in 1906 they re-entered from the same starting point as Great Britain.

If at this moment Von Tirpitz had introduced a new Navy Law defining the future composition of the German Dreadnought fleet, the competition between Great Britain and Germany might have been eased. But, like many other Continental naval leaders, he was puzzled by the appearance of the Dreadnought, and was disinclined to believe that the fleet he had been creating for the last eight years was practically obsolete. He clung to his Navy Bill of 1900, but introduced yearly supplements or addenda to it. In 1908 the Germans launched their first Dreadnought, the Nassau, and in the following year Mr. McKenna, then First Lord of the Admiralty, introduced a Supplementary Naval Estimate with an explanation that showed how serious Anglo-German naval competition had become. The central point of Mr. McKenna's argument was that it had become quite impossible to calculate what the strength of the German battle fleet would be four years ahead.

The charge was well founded. Years of Parliamentary life had turned Von Tirpitz into an artful campaigner. He no longer wished to state his plans openly, for fear that the Reichstag would hold him rigidly to them; even his staunch friends, the National Liberals and the Centre Party, were alarmed at the rising naval vote. He preferred to ask for a yearly allowance of battleships and cruisers, and to cover his request with a smother of technicalities. None the less, there is no reason to doubt his word that he never aimed at German naval supremacy. He declared his willingness to fix a ratio between the final strength of the British and German fleets and to leave Great Britain a margin of superiority. If German policy on the Continent had at the time been less provocative; if British fears of German aims with regard to France had been less acute, an Anglo-German naval convention might possibly have been signed in 1912. But after his visit to Berlin in that year Lord Haldane returned to England with serious apprehensions; the Chancellor's awkward manœuvres about a neutrality treaty made him deeply suspicious. It was waste of time to discuss a naval convention if German statesmen were contemplating a great alteration in the balance of power in Europe.

THE WAR

In August, 1914, Von Tirpitz was still Naval Secretary, and the outbreak of the War gave great importance to the two collateral branches of the German High Naval Command. For nearly 20 years he had been the foremost naval man in Germany, for in peace time public attention is focused upon programmes and estimates. But, from the beginning of hostilities, the independent jurisdictions of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Von Pohl, and of the Chief of the Naval Cabinet, Von Mueller, were irksome to the builder of the German Fleet. He had never accustomed himself to cooperate with equals. He could argue good-naturedly with ill-informed Deputies, he could encourage a subordinate, and take his views into consideration, but he could not patiently meet opposition from men as well informed as himself. For years he had been on bad terms with Von Pohl and Von Mueller, and on even worse terms with the Imperial Chancellor. He had often treated Von Ingenohl, the Commander-in-Chief, with unrestrained rudeness.

The first discussions upon the submarine campaign brought these divisions to a head. All the German naval leaders wanted to begin the campaign, but they were doubtful as to method. The responsibility rested principally with Von Pohl and the Foreign Office; and, although they were willing to consider the Naval Secretary's views, they did not intend to become his disciples and subordinates. Von Tirpitz has described at length in his book, "Germany's Policy of Impotence in the World War," his vain efforts to set in motion the High Seas Fleet and his demands for the unremitting employment of the submarine in 1915 and 1916. He considered that the Kaiser's support of Bethmann-Hollweg's policy, which was to keep the United States out of the War as long as possible, reduced the under-water campaign to a farce. Twice during 1915 he offered to resign; then, at the time of the Arabic crisis, Von Tirpitz was sharply told to mind his own business, and he resigned, never to enter the public service again. The Kaiser parted with the greatest of his Ministers with apparent indifference.

If Von Tirpitz had followed Von Hindenburg's example of standing aloof from the party strife of Republican Germany, the old affection of his countrymen might have carried him back to high office, but, like Ludendorff and several others, he lost his head. He associated with the extreme Conservatives, the advocates of "putsches," the supporters of Black Reichswehr societies. He joined in absurd demonstrations and marched at the goose step into the Reichstag. When Germany began to settle down the Fascist Party fell into universal contempt, and Von Tirpitz, who had been one of its leading spirits, was quite discredited. The German people felt instinctively that their old favourite was out of place in the new Reich. Also, his books showed that his mind was no longer capable of looking forward. His first work, "Memoirs," was in a sense a good book; it was full of sound thought on naval questions, and it showed that the man had occasionally—not always by any means—thought clearly and sensibly upon political issues. But his second work, already mentioned, with its provocative title, was a bitter lament that the fleet did not play for high stakes at the outset, and that the submarine weapon was not vigorously applied in 1915.

Although he was a Nationalist member of the Reichstag from 1924 to 1928, Von Tirpitz took no very prominent part in the politics of Republican Germany. During those four years he was to be seen almost every day sitting almost motionless towards the front of the Nationalist benches, his waxen face and long, white whiskers sunk on his chest. A Nationalist plan for forming a Government with him as Chancellor failed in 1924, and it is generally agreed that his important service after the War was the leading part he took in persuading Marshal von Hindenburg to stand for the Presidency. He retired from public life in the spring of 1928. On announcing that he would not be a candidate at the next election he was elected honorary president of the Nationalist Party. He was succeeded on the party's Bavarian list by General von Lettow-Vorbeck.

During the last few years Von Tirpitz came forward as a strong advocate of good relations with the Anglo-Saxon Powers. He expressed this view in articles, the last of which was published in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* last September. He had always, he said, regarded the course set at Locarno towards a *rapprochement* with France as a mistake. The result of the War had compelled Germany to leave the sea out of her political calculations. What remained to her in this respect could not possibly give rise to serious apprehensions in England. Material interests no longer stood in the way of an understanding, and Germany had so much in common, both with England and with the United States, that a good relationship could only be profitable to all three countries.

THE REV. E. C. DERMER

"One of his Boys" writes:—

Oxonians in all parts will have heard with profound regret of the death at Bournemouth of the Rev. E. C. Dermer, B.D., Senior Fellow of St. John's College, who was one of the best known and best beloved of Oxford's saintly characters. I am one of the numerous family of "god-children" scattered throughout the land who will recall with tenderest feelings the kindly solicitude and sympathetic interest which marked his fatherly concern for the well-being of "his boys" who passed through the St. Philip and St. James Boys' School, which he founded, and which celebrated its jubilee on May 1, 1929. The church of St. Philip and St. James, now centred in a populous district of the City of Oxford, was almost a solitary landmark in a field when Mr. Dermer began the long ministry during which he never made an enemy but enshrined himself in the hearts of all by his great human qualities and lovable disposition. He also founded the daughter church of St. Margaret, itself a beautiful memorial to his memory.

For 55 years I was in close personal touch with this truly great but unassuming personality—the man whose heart was ever too large to see anything but the best in those with whom he came in contact, and whose generous good nature and gentle spirit captured our boyish confidence, engaged our affections, restrained our unruly tendencies, and nurtured in our young natures all that was lofty and worthy. How much we owed to him words cannot adequately express, nor how dear and sacred to us all is the memory of that dear great soul who loved "his boys" to the end.

MR. ALDERMAN GUNTON

Information reached the City yesterday that Mr. Alderman Gunton had died on Wednesday night at Monte Carlo after a short illness. He was a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and, with members of his family, practised at Empire House, St. Martin-le-Grand, as architects and surveyors. He designed many important buildings in London and elsewhere. He entered the Corporation in 1904 as a Common Council man for the Ward of Coleman-street, and on the death of Sir John Bell, in 1924, succeeded him as Alderman of that ward. He took great interest in the work of the Corporation, and was chairman of many of the principal committees. For the last three years he was one of the City's representatives on the London County Council. He was also a member of the Metropolitan Water Board. He was a member of the Wheelwrights' Company, a director of the Eagle Star and British Dominions Insurance Company, and one of his Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London.

At the meeting of the Corporation yesterday a vote of condolence with Mrs. Gunton and her family was adopted. At the Central Criminal Court, also, the Recorder paid a tribute to the late Alderman.

MR. E. R. HOLLAND

Mr. Robert Holland, who died at his house at Thames Ditton yesterday morning at the early age of 46, had been for many years a well-known member of the Baltic and Corn Exchanges of London. Rather more than 20 years ago he joined the staff of Usborne and Son, corn factors, and for many years before his death he had been a partner in the firm. During the War he served as a member of the Wheat Commission. Holland, who was born near Saffron Walden, in Essex, was very respected in the various business circles to which he belonged. Outside business he was a good host and an enthusiastic golfer. Only recently he had made all the arrangements for a party of 12 golfers to visit a well-known seaside course during this week-end. He had organised such parties to the same course twice a year for several years past, and when one was over looked forward with great keenness to the next. He leaves a widow and two step-children. The funeral will be at the Parish Church, Thames Ditton, on Monday, at 2.15 p.m.

LORD GLADSTONE

FIRST GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

Lord Gladstone, whose death early yesterday morning at his home, Dane End, Ware, was announced in our later editions yesterday, will be remembered as the first Governor-General of the Union of South Africa, and also for his devotion to the memory of his famous father. He was in his 77th year.

Herbert John Gladstone was the youngest son among the eight children of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone and his wife, Catherine, daughter of Sir Stephen Glynne, of Hawarden. He was born on January 7, 1854, at 12, Downing-street, where his father was living as Chancellor of the Exchequer in Lord Aberdeen's Government. He himself has described in his book, "After Thirty Years," published in 1928, his happy childhood, spent mainly at Hawarden, and the holidays generally shared with the large family of Lyttelton cousins either at Hawarden or at Hagley. He was sent with his next brother, Henry Neville, to a private school in Norfolk, where the brothers first met King Edward and Queen Alexandra, lately married, by wandering into a shooting party from Sandringham at luncheon time. The Prince of Wales, who always appreciated their father highly, characteristically made welcome the two schoolboys. Herbert Gladstone followed his brother to Miss Evans's house at Eton in 1866. His cousin, Robert Lyttelton, was his close contemporary there. He was a popular boy, always ready to "rag," and commonly known as "Tuppence," in allusion to his father's recent reduction of the income-tax. He was a fair athlete, and a sturdy goalkeeper in the football field, where he distinguished himself more than in school, though he reached sixth form before he went up to University College, Oxford. There he worked successfully, and gained a third class in Moderations in 1874, and a first in Modern History in 1876. The next year he was appointed History Lecturer at Keble, of which Edward Talbot, his cousin by marriage, was Warden, but gave up his academic career in 1880.

In April of that year he contested Middlesex, rather a forlorn hope for a Liberal. But his father had been elected for Leeds as well as for Mid Lothian, which he chose to represent, and Herbert was elected for Leeds in May. After the redistribution of 1885, he sat for West Leeds continuously until 1910. He was one of his father's private secretaries, and was made a Whip in 1881, in which year he visited Ireland; this was the year of Parnell's imprisonment in Kilmainham gaol. He was his father's constant companion, and was known to be in the inner councils of the Liberal Party. Hence the natural conclusions of the public over the incident known as the "Hawarden kite," in December, 1885. The truth was that he knew that his father hoped that Lord Salisbury (whose party, since the election a month earlier, was with the Parnellites equal to the Liberal Party in the House of Commons) would take up the Irish question, and that he did not mean to produce his own Home Rule policy if the Conservatives would make a move. Herbert came to London with no instructions from his father in the matter; he met some of the party leaders and found them complaining of the doubts due not only to the state of parties but also to Mr. Gladstone's silence. He spoke freely to them and to the representative of a Press agency, who published what he said as being his father's pronouncement. Looking back, no one could be greatly surprised at the assumption, but certainly Herbert was completely taken aback at the use made of his conversation.

In the Government of 1886 Herbert Gladstone became Financial Secretary at the War Office, and in 1892 he was Under-Secretary at the Home Office, where Mr. Asquith was Secretary of State. In 1894, in Lord Rosebery's Government, he was appointed First Commissioner of Works and a Privy Councillor. In the year after his father's death in 1898 he became Chief Whip of the Liberal Party in Opposition. This was an unenviable post during the South African War, when the Liberal Imperialists were restive, but he helped to keep the party united until Mr. Chamberlain's tariff reform campaign not only drew all Liberals together, but also reinforced the party from outside in defence of free imports. Herbert Gladstone himself never wavered in support of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and this was remembered by the Boers in later years. In 1901 he married Dorothy, daughter of the Right Hon. Sir Richard Paget, of Cranmore, Somerset.

On the return of the party to power in 1906, he was naturally included in Sir Henry's Cabinet, being appointed Home Secretary, and in the next four years he carried 22 Acts, including a Workmen's Compensation Act and the Eight Hours Act for coalminers. The Probation of Offenders Act was passed in 1907, and the Prevention of Crimes Act of 1908 established the Borstal system. The Children Act of the same year included, among other things, the institution of Children Courts. Herbert Gladstone did good work in this office, but some duties he found very painful, notably the responsibility of advising the Crown on appeals from capital sentences. He also felt keenly the abuse that reached him in floods for not remitting the sentences inflicted by magistrates upon the militant suffragists for their wild and lawless conduct.

SOUTH AFRICA

As a Cabinet Minister he shared the responsibility for fulfilling the intention of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to grant self-government in South Africa, and the Prime Minister recommended him, in December, 1909, as the first Governor-General of the new Union and High Commissioner of South Africa. He was created a Viscount and G.C.M.G. Rather than take any of the territorial titles, Scottish or Welsh, that were suggested to him, he preferred his family name.

Lord and Lady Gladstone left England in May, 1910, and arrived at Cape Town amid the mourning for King Edward's death, of which they had learned at sea. Lord Selborne was still there, and the conciliation of the country had progressed far under his Commissionership. The first need was to find a Prime Minister of the new Union who should form a Government. Dr. Jameson was advocating a Government of the best men in the rival parties. This proved impossible. Matters were not made easier by General Hertzog, who was then demanding in the Orange River Colony a strong racial policy. The easiest and most obvious line would have been to have asked Mr. Merriman to form a Government. Mr. Steyn and Lord de Villiers were also suggested. But Lord Gladstone—on the advice, it was always said, of Dr. Jameson—decided that General Botha was the best man for the office. It proved a happy choice. The Act of Union had been carried after long and severe controversy, and the peaceful results of give-and-take, such as the surrender of Natal to the common cause against her own inclinations, were proof of Lord Selborne's good work. Time, however, was needed for further advance, and the Governor's steady and quiet cooperation with a strong Prime Minister was the greatest help towards the establishment of the new constitutional Government. From the first the new Governor-General had a good friend and adviser in Lord de Villiers, whom Lord Selborne also had found immensely helpful.

Lord Gladstone was sometimes accused of inactivity, but this was probably due to his deliberate policy. The progress of self-government would not have been helped in those days by any conspicuous prominence of the Governor sent out from England. He may have been made conscious, too, that the more prominent his name was the more it might arouse old controversies. He held the balance well between British and Dutch, but sought no publicity for any personal influence that he may have exercised. His social entertainments were also restricted by Lady Gladstone's health, which compelled her to come to England sometimes, and altogether precluded long visits to the high altitudes inland. He always enjoyed hard work if he could see tangible results. Appearances at ceremonies bored him. Perhaps he had seen too much of them all his life. It was the same in later years, when he very seldom appeared at South African or other public gatherings in England. If there was a weed in his garden, he felt himself better employed in pulling it up than in making an after-luncheon speech.

In November, 1912, there was a political crisis. General Hertzog had made the position of the Prime Minister more and more difficult, and General Botha resigned. However, he resumed office with a reformed Ministry, which did not include General Hertzog, who proceeded to form the Nationalist Party. In 1913 the Rand was disturbed by very serious strikes, and ultimately the Governor-General, on his own discretion, though with General Botha's full approval, declared martial law in Johannesburg until order was restored. His term was then drawing to its close, and the people of the Union had learnt to trust him to the full. When he left, in July, 1914, the farewell demonstrations were on a great scale and revealed very hearty appreciation and regret. At home he was made G.C.B. for his services.

THE WAR AND AFTER

A few days after his arrival in England the War broke out. He and Lady Gladstone quickly threw themselves into the work of providing for the Belgians who were driven over here, and from 1914 until 1919 he was head of the War Refugees organization. This fully occupied him and his work was very successful. He was made G.B.E. in 1917 and a Grand Officer of the Crown of Belgium. He also became a Knight and Lady Gladstone a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. In 1918 he published an interesting and moving memoir of his nephew, W. G. C. Gladstone, the young squire of Hawarden, who fell near Laventie in April, 1915.

After the War Lord Gladstone took a diminishing part in politics. He was out of sympathy (as the old Liberal Whip would naturally be) with the Coalition Government, continued as it was, and had thoroughly disapproved of the "Coupon" election of 1918. For various reasons, obvious or not, he could not work in harmony with Mr. Lloyd George, whom in 1922 he openly charged with stabbing the Liberal Party in the back, and he bade independent Liberals to stand clear of him. He also plunged into controversy with him over the Government's treatment of the crisis at Chanak, and their general Near Eastern policy, especially in their failure to protect Christian minorities. He inherited a strong sense of his country's duty towards such peoples among other convictions in regard to the Near East. In 1927 he and Lady Gladstone visited Bulgaria, and the presentation to him of the freedom of Sofia was turned into a great celebration of the nation's gratitude to Mr. Gladstone for the part he took in their troubles in the seventies.

In 1924 Lord Gladstone welcomed the Labour Government, holding that they were nearer to the Liberals than were the Conservatives, better free-traders, and better supporters of the League of Nations. But a little later he became head of the organization of the Asquithian Liberals, and entered into arrangements with the Unionist organization to avoid splitting votes against Socialism. It need hardly be recalled that he received little help from the political fund controlled by Mr. Lloyd George. Thus he dropped more and more out of politics, and lived quietly at Dane End, near Ware, and in the small, delightfully placed London house in Cleveland-square which was left to him by his father's old friend Lord Armitstead. Gardening, tree-planting, shooting, and fishing, for which his usually good health and sturdy physique were great assets, were his chief outdoor pleasures, as they had been throughout his life. He gave up golf, for which he had at one time a small house at Littlestone, in Kent. His chief indoor recreation was music, particularly part singing, and he became the annalist of one old-established glee club. He worked for the League of Nations Union. He was an active member of the Bath Club, as he had been in earlier days of the National Liberal Club. He also belonged to the Reform Club. His boyish high spirits were always ready for fun, and equally his spirits rose with a zest for controversy whenever he thought that injustice was abroad, particularly injustice to the memory of his father. This piety led him into two controversies which received great publicity.

In 1925 a quite unimportant book was published in which appeared an offensive insinuation against Mr. Gladstone's moral character. It might have passed unnoticed, but Lord Gladstone and his brother Henry determined that they, the last of the sons, would vindicate their father's memory once for all. Taking legal advice, they tried to draw the writer into a libel action against Lord Gladstone, but failed until, in January, 1928, the man brought his action and lost it. The Gladstones had risked much, but their determination was triumphantly rewarded. Unexpected evidence was added to that which was prepared on their side, and the jury spontaneously added to the verdict a rider declaring Mr. Gladstone's moral character to be stainless.

The second controversy of that year was mainly conducted in the columns of *The Times*. Lord Gladstone's book, "After Thirty Years," was on the stocks, but on the appearance of the second series of Queen Victoria's Letters, edited by Mr. G. E. Buckle, he added strong criticism of the editing, and showed plainly that he thought Mr. Buckle was a partisan against his father as compared with Disraeli. Lord Gladstone suggested that letters had been suppressed, but Mr. Buckle stated definitely that he found no such letters at Windsor, and showed how carefully he had fulfilled his intention of fairly giving the facts and leaving readers to draw their inferences. Lord Gladstone denied that he had charged Mr. Buckle with suppressing documents because, "strongly as I differ from him politically, I believe him incapable of such action." But Mr. Buckle wrote:—

It is quite impossible for me to be content with the only modification of his book which Lord Gladstone has consented to make—namely, the insertion of a slip to explain that he did not mean what he clearly suggested in several passages—that for partisan reasons I had suppressed important documents. . . . For this sorry treatment I doubt if I could get any legal redress, and I certainly have no intention of spending money to find out. But I hope that I may succeed before the tribunal of Public Opinion.

In a preface to a third edition of his book Lord Gladstone explained that he had omitted or amended the passages to which Mr. Buckle took exception, and he very much regretted that certain passages, taken together, implied to Mr. Buckle and to others the charge of deliberately concealing important documents.

Lord Gladstone leaves no issue, and the viscounty becomes extinct.

DR. A. T. HADLEY

PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF YALE

Dr. Arthur Twining Hadley, who has died in Japan at the age of 73, was for many years president of Yale University and one of the leading economists in the United States. He had been on the teaching staff at Yale for more than 15 years when he was elected president in 1899. In the 20 years which followed Yale made rapid strides forward, and was able well to maintain its eminent position among American universities. He found Yale, as he said, "comparatively poor and conservative." He left it reorganized, well endowed, thoroughly up to date, with a well-equipped scientific school, a Press which was affiliated with the Oxford University Press, and a quarterly, the *Yale Review*, which was one of the chief organs of thoughtful Americans.

Apart from education Dr. Hadley's chief interests lay in railways. There was no greater authority and no one better qualified in this field in the world than he. He had studied railways since he was a boy, and he had made the subject his own as a man. His first work of importance and the one by which he was best known was "Railroad Transportation: Its History and its Laws," published in 1885. It has long been the classical book on railways in America, and his knowledge of the subject received recognition when in 1910 he was appointed chairman of the Railway Securities Commission. In 1913 he was made a director of the New Haven Railway, and, on his retirement from Yale in 1921, a director of the Santa Fé.

From his birth Dr. Hadley breathed the academic atmosphere. He was born at New Haven, Connecticut, the town where Yale University is situated, on April 23, 1856, the son of James Hadley, a philologist. Educated at Yale, he took a high place in all his classes, but showed a special bent for mathematics. That, however, was not the line which his subsequent studies followed, for in post-graduate work at Yale and at Berlin he turned his attention to political science, which was then coming to be recognized as a separate subject in the American universities. In 1882 he returned to Yale as instructor in political science, and four years later he was raised to the status of professor. He held that chair till 1891, when he changed over to the chair of political economy, which he held till 1899, when he was appointed president of the University.

Outside Yale Dr. Hadley was well known. The students, drawn from all parts of the country, had made his name known far beyond New Haven and New England, and his work as administrator attracted national attention. He was known also outside the United States, both here and on the Continent. He was a corresponding Fellow of the British Academy, and a member of the International Institute of Statistics, and was one of the first American professors to be sent on exchange to Germany, lecturing in Berlin during the session 1907-8. After the War he delivered one of the first courses under the Sir George Watson foundation in this country on "Economic Problems of Democracy." These lectures, which were delivered at various centres, attracted wide attention by expounding problems which were common both to this country and America.

When the Great War broke out Dr. Hadley was one of the first to insist strongly on the need for preparation in America. His views did not find much favour in official circles at Washington, but he had support at Yale, and the work done there undoubtedly proved of great value to America when she finally entered the War.

Dr. Hadley's recreation was mountaineering. He married Helen, daughter of Governor L. B. Morris, of Connecticut, and had two sons and one daughter.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR GEORGE BARKER

Major-General Sir George Barker, Colonel Commandant, Royal Engineers, died on Wednesday at his home at Chichester at the age of 80.

The son of Colonel G. Barker, H.E.I.C.S., he obtained his commission in the Royal Engineers in January, 1869, and in June, 1877, was appointed Assistant Instructor in Telegraphy at the School of Military Engineering. Vacating that post in February, 1881, he was until September, 1882, secretary to the Royal Engineer Committee. The following year he was on active service in Egypt, when he was present at Tel-el-Mahuta, Kassassin, and Tel-el-Kebir, being mentioned and receiving his brevet of major and the Order of the Medjidieh. In 1884-85 he was on the staff of the Bechuanaland Field Force as D.A.A. and Q.M.G. for Intelligence, and was honourably mentioned. For the next nine years he was engaged on regimental duty, and in October, 1894, he became lieutenant-colonel. The previous month he had been appointed Inspector-General of Fortifications at Army Headquarters, where he remained until January, 1901. Two months later he was appointed C.B.E., Eastern District, and in August, 1904, he became Inspector of Royal Engineers, a position which he held until September, 1908. He had been promoted to major-general in December, 1906, and in April, 1909, he was appointed to the command of the coast defences, Eastern Command. He retired in 1912 and was appointed Colonel Commandant in 1923.

Sir George Barker, who was made C.B. in 1905 and K.C.B. in 1911, married Clemency, daughter of the first Lord Addington, and had two sons and one daughter.

COLONEL H. APPLETON

The death is announced at Victoria, British Columbia, of Colonel Henry Appleton, late R.E., a native of Manchester, at the age of 75. His Army services, which lasted over 30 years, were spent mainly in India. He was a keen sportsman and had travelled extensively in the Himalayas and in Kashgaria and other remote regions of Central Asia. On his retirement Colonel Appleton settled in Canada, and had lived at Victoria, B.C., for nearly a quarter of a century. He had a fine collection of trophies from his shooting expeditions.

MISS EMILY FORD

Sir Michael Sadler writes:—

Emily Susan Ford, who died at Adel Willows, Leeds, on March 4, lived so long in London and gave such generous help in the decoration of some London churches that her eager personality and her talent as a painter will be remembered affectionately by many in the South as well as in Yorkshire.

Springing from Quaker stock, she was the last survivor of three gifted sisters, all of whom followed the tradition of the Society of Friends by combining ardour in public service with the quiet intimacies of home life and of private duty. At Adel (once the Cranford of Leeds) their house and garden were a centre of radiant sympathy and of lively comment upon the outlook in foreign affairs and in English social reform. Typical of the finest culture of the West Riding, the three sisters were internationally minded, though deeply rooted in the soil and sentiment of Yorkshire. All three were feminist and feminine. In the trio there was both individuality and union. Bessie, the eldest, on whom fell the chief cares of the family home, gave her leisure to the protection of animals from cruelty or neglect. Of the three Isabella, the youngest, played the most trenchant and determined part in the movement for female suffrage and in the international organization of the experience and judgment of women.

Emily had artistic talent, at times touched by genius. Her gifts as a painter were disclosed in mural decoration and in her portraits. In the latter, modernism pushed through the habit of late Victorian design. Impulsive, affectionate, and passionately sincere, she had in old age the temperament and charm of youth. Both racy and pathetic in her impersonations of Leeds mill-girls, she showed that her own temperament was full of the stoicism and dry humour of the West Riding. Her deep religious instinct found happiness in the Anglican communion. To Bishop E. S. Talbot's teaching and friendship she owed much that brought her peace.

SIR W. H. MILTON

SERVICE IN RHODESIA

Sir William Henry Milton, who died at Cannes yesterday after a long illness at the age of 75, was the Administrator of Southern Rhodesia for nearly 16 years. During that long period both he and Lady Milton established themselves in the esteem and affection of the country, with the history of which their names will always be identified.

Born on December 3, 1854, the son of the Rev. William Milton, he was educated at Marlborough, and entered the Cape Civil Service in 1873. He was soon marked out for promotion. At the age of 35 he became officiating clerk to the Executive Council, and five years later was appointed acting secretary in the Prime Minister's Department. For six months, in 1891, he was private secretary to Cecil Rhodes, then Prime Minister, and in December of that year became chief clerk and chief accountant in the office of the Colonial Secretary. In 1894 he became permanent head of the Prime Minister's and Native Affairs Departments.

Milton's long connexion with Rhodesia began in August, 1896, when he was detached from the Cape Civil Service, and was appointed Chief Secretary and Secretary for Native Affairs in September. In July, 1897, he became Acting Administrator of Southern Rhodesia, and in December, 1898, Administrator of Mashonaland and Senior Administrator of Southern Rhodesia. In December, 1901, he became Administrator, and was reappointed in 1904, 1907, 1910, and 1913. He was also President of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

Sir William Milton, who was made C.M.G. in 1900, K.C.M.G. in 1903, and K.C.V.O. in 1910, retired owing to ill-health in October, 1914, and was succeeded by Sir Drummond Chaplin. He married, in 1883, Eveline, daughter of Mr. A. R. Borcherds, of Wynberg, Cape Colony, and had two sons.

TEACHING OF HISTORY IN ULSTER SCHOOLS

PLEA FOR ACCOUNTS OF PATRIOTS

Captain Charles C. Craig was yesterday the guest at luncheon of the Ulster Association in London at the Hotel Cecil. Lord Massereene and Ferrard presided.

Speaking on local patriotism, Captain Craig suggested that the Ulster Government should compile for use in the schools of the Province a history book outlining the careers of famous Ulstermen of the last three centuries. There were many of their forefathers whose names were household words in Ulster, but whose history was unknown to the mass of the people. For instance, how many, except those who lived under the shadow of the statue in Comber-square, knew anything about the fiery little warrior is commemorated—General Sir Robert Gillespie? The first British Ambassador to China was born and bred in County Antrim Sir George Macartney. Henry Pottinger, whose name was perpetuated in that part of Belfast known as Mountpottinger, was the principal agent by whom modern China was thrown open to British trade; he afterwards became Governor of the Cape and then of Madras. The third of those great Ulstermen intimately connected with China was Sir Robert Hart. How many wandering in London and coming to Hanaplace or Sloane-square had any idea that Hans Sloane, after whom those thoroughfares were called, was a County Down man, born at Killyleagh in 1660, who became the president of the College of Physicians and of the Royal Society? Comparatively few knew also that the British Museum owed its inception to the necessity of providing a building to receive the 50,000 volumes bequeathed to the nation by this Killyleagh doctor.

Other Ulstermen, or men of Ulster extraction, mentioned by Captain Craig included Sir Richard Wallace, Lord Kelvin, John Nicholson, of Indian fame, who though born in Dublin spent his early days in Lisburn and went to school at Dungannon, Sir George White, of Ladysmith, two great lawyers—Lord Cairns and Lord Macnaghten—W. P. Massey, one of the greatest Prime Ministers of New Zealand, and President McK

Broadcasting

THE PROGRAMMES

SYMPHONY CONCERT

To-night's programme will include a relay from the Queen's Hall of the 16th of the B.B.C. Symphony Concerts, which is to be conducted by Mr. Frank Bridge. The concert will open with Handel's Concerto in F major, and other pieces in the programme are Revel's Bolero for Orchestra, and Schubert's Symphony No. 7 in C major. Mr. Arthur Catterall and Miss Lauri Kennedy will collaborate in giving the Double Concerto in A minor for violin and violoncello by Brahms.

PROGRAMMES

The broadcasting programmes for to-day, March 7, are as follows :—

LONDON—Call 2LO (842kc.) (356.3m.), and DAVENTRY—Call 5XX (193kc.) (1,554.4m.).

During alternative programme tests between 12 midday and 1 p.m. London programme will be broadcast on 1,148kc. (261.3m.). From 6.40 p.m. to 12 midnight London programme will be broadcast on 1,148kc. (261.3m.). From 6.40 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. 5GB programme will also be broadcast on 842kc. (356.3m.).

10.15 a.m. :—Service. 10.30 :—Time Signal from Greenwich; Weather. 10.45 :—The Townswoman's Day—(9), Hints on Keeping Food Fresh, by Mrs. Cottington Taylor. 11-12 (5XX only) :—Gramophone Records. 11-11.30 (2LO only) :—Experimental Television Transmission by the Baird Process.

12 :—Don Hyden (violin); Albert Hardie (pianoforte). 12.30 :—Organ Recital by Leonard H. Warner, relayed from St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. 1-2 :—Gramophone Records. 2.30 :—For the Schools—Rural Survey : (10) The Shapes of Our Villages, by Miss C. A. Simpson. 2.55 :—Interlude. 3 :—Peoples of the World and their Homes—(8) Tibetan Villages, by Captain G. I. Finch. 3.20 :—Interlude. 3.25 :—Hints on Athletics and Games—Swimming (2), by Miss Doreen Spender. 3.40 :—Interlude. 3.45 :—Concert to Schools—The Sybil Eaton Quartet; Christine McClure (mezzo-soprano). 4.30 :—Orchestra, from the May Fair Hotel.

5.15 :—Children—March, comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb—A Windy Programme which, unless we are all blown away, will include Chimney Pots (Carey Gray); the Battle of the Winds and the Trees (Georgina Mase). 6 :—President Masaryk at Home, by Mrs. Beauchamp Tufnell. 6.15 :—Weather; News. 6.35 :—Talk by the Rev. Thomas Nightingale on the annual conference of the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches, to be held this week-end at Nottingham. 6.40 :—Beethoven Sonatas, played by Edward Isaacs (pianoforte). 7-7.20 :—Careers for Boys and Girls—(9) Veterinary Work, by Professor F. T. G. Hobday. 7.25 :—Some Modern Dramas and How to Appreciate Them—(1) The Ideal Spectator, by Mr. Desmond MacCarthy. 7.45 :—Robert Chignell (baritone).

8 :—B.B.C. Symphony Concert (16)—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra (principal violin, Arthur Catterall); conducted by Frank Bridge; Lauri Kennedy (violoncello); Arthur Catterall (violin)—relayed from the Queen's Hall. 9 :—Weather; News. 9.15 :—Symphony Concert (continued) (Part 2). 10.15 :—Local News; Summary of Stock Exchange Prices. (5XX only) Shipping Forecast and Fat Stock Prices. 10.20 :—People and Things, by Mr. Harold Nicolson. 10.40 :—Surprise Item. 10.55-12 :—Band, from the Hotel Splendide. 12-12.30 a.m. :—Experimental Television Transmission by the Baird Process.

DAVENTRY—Call 5GB (626kc.) (479.2m.).

From 6.40 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Daventry Experimental programme will also be broadcast on 842kc. (356.3m.).

12 :—The Birmingham Studio Orchestra, conducted by Frank Cantell; Margaret Harrison (soprano). 1.15 :—Orchestra, from the May Fair Hotel. 2-3 :—Organ Recital, by Leonard H. Warner, relayed from St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; Charles Hedges (tenor). 5.15 :—Children: The Whimsical Doings of Ronald Rabbit, by Anthea North; Songs by William Pegg (bass); Chrissie Thomas and Her Musical Glasses; Come with me—To the Art Gallery, by Florence M. Austin. 6 :—The Birmingham Studio Chorus, conducted by Joseph Lewis, in Fireside Songs. 6.15 :—Weather; News. 6.40 :—Organ Recital, by Dr. Harold Rhodes, relayed from Coventry Cathedral. 7.15 :—Lily Burns and Partner in light songs and harmony; Harry Hemsley; Renee Rudani and Billy Carlton present their instrumental act; Gwen Lewis (entertainer with a piano); Stainless Stephen; James Donovan (saxophone); the Hyde Sisters in light entertainment; Philip Brown's Dominoes Band. 8.30 :—Seventeenth Century Poetry, I—by Mr. T. S. Eliot. 9 :—The Birmingham Studio Orchestra, conducted by Joseph Lewis; Marjorie Dixon (soprano); George Pizzey (baritone). 10.15-10.30 :—Weather; News.

ABERDEEN—Call 2BD (995kc.) (301.5m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 2.30 :—See Glasgow. 3.10 :—See Glasgow. 4.15 :—See London. 10.15 :—See Glasgow. 10.30-10.55 :—See London.

BELFAST—Call 2BE (1,238kc.) (242.3m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 12 :—Organ Music, played by Herbert Westerby, relayed from the Grosvenor Hall. 12.30-1 :—Gramophone Records. 2.30 :—See London. 4.30 :—The Orchestra. 5 :—Bishop Punch. 5.15 :—Children's Hour—Miss Florence Irwin: Household Talk—Ironing. 6.15-11 :—See London.

BOURNEMOUTH—Call 6BM (1,040kc.) (288.5m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 2.30 :—See London. 4.15 :—See London. 10.15 :—Local News. 10.20-10.55 :—See London.

CARDIFF—Call 5WA (968kc.) (309.9m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 12-1 :—See London. 2.30 :—See London. 5.15 :—Children. 6 :—Anglo-Cymric Poetry—4, A. G. Prys Jones: Some Modern Poets. 6.15 :—See London. 10.15 :—West Regional News. 10.20-10.55 :—See London.

DUBLIN Call 2RN (413m.), 1kw.

1.30 :—Time, Weather, Stock Report and Gramophone Concert. 4 :—Gramophone Records. 4.15 :—Children. 7 :—Gramophone Records. 7.20 :—News. 7.30 :—Time and Gardening Talk. 8 :—Concert—Madge Bradbury (pianoforte); Gerard Crofts (tenor); the Station Orchestra; Dorothy Elizabeth Young and Norman Ina, in a Sketch. 9.15 :—Traffic Talk. 9.30 :—Concert—Mme. A. Heffernan (soprano); The Station Orchestra; The Old Hibernian Band. 10.30 :—Time, News, and Sports Results.

DUNDEE—Call 2DE (1,040kc.) (288.5m.).

EDINBURGH—Call 2EH (1,040kc.) (288.5m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 2.30 :—See Glasgow. 3.10 :—See Glasgow. 4.30 :—See London. 5.15 :—See Glasgow. 6.15 :—See London. 10.15 :—See Glasgow. 10.20-10.55 :—See London.

GLASGOW—Call 5SC (752kc.) (398.9m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 2.30 :—For the Schools: Travellers' Tales of Other Lands—8, George Ross, Vancouver Island, from Edinburgh. 3 :—Music. 3.15 :—A Day's Work—5, Mr. Alexander Salton, As a Country Carpenter, from Edinburgh. 3.30 :—Music. 3.45 :—A Concert for Schools—arranged by Henry Havergal. 4.30 :—The Dance Band. 4.50 :—The Octet; Winifred Spencer (soprano). 5.15 :—Children. 5.57 :—Weather for Farmers. 6 :—Bulletin of Juvenile Organizations. 6.15 :—See London. 10.15 :—Scottish News Bulletin. 10.20-10.55 :—See London.

MANCHESTER—Call 2ZY (797kc.) (376.4m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 2.30 :—See London. 4.30 :—Orchestra. 5.15 :—Children. 6 :—Dr Erna Rees: Mrs. Hemphaw's Bedtime Story, 1930-60. 6.15 :—See London. 10.15 :—North Regional News. 10.20-10.55 :—See London.

PLYMOUTH—Call 5PY (1,040kc.) (288.5m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 2.30 :—See London. 5.15 :—Children. 6 :—See London. 6.15-10.55 :—See London.

SWANSEA—Call 5SX (1,040kc.) (288.5m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 2.30 :—See London. 3.15 :—See Cardiff. 4 :—See London. 4.15 :—See London. 10 :—See Cardiff. 10.15-10.55 :—See London.

RELAY STATIONS.—LIVERPOOL (1,040kc.) (288.5m.), LEEDS-BRADFORD (1,500kc. and 1,040kc.) (200m. and 288.5m.), NEWCASTLE (1,040kc.) (288.5m.), SHEFFIELD (1,040kc.) (288.5m.), HULL (1,040kc.) (288.5m.), STOKE-ON-TRENT (1,040kc.), (288.5m.).

10.15-10.30 a.m. :—See Daventry. 2.30 :—See London. 5.15 :—See Manchester. 6 :—See London. 6.15 :—See London. 10.15 :—See Manchester. 10.20-10.55 :—See London.

FOREIGN STATIONS

NOTE.—Hours of transmission are Greenwich Mean Time. Hours are p.m. unless otherwise stated :—

BARCELONA (Radio Barcelona)—Call EAJ1 (349.9m.), 2kw.—6 :—International Market Prices; Exchange Quotations. 6.5 :—Talk for Women. 6.30 :—News and Trio Music. 8.30 :—Elementary French Lesson. 9 :—Chimes, Weather Forecast; Gramophone Records. 9.5 :—Concert relayed from the Conservatoire, Marseilles; News and Exchange Quotations. 10.30 :—Programme to be announced. 11.30 :—Sports Review. 11.45 :—Czechoslovakian Concert; Trio (Smetana); Czechoslovakian Songs; Quintet (Dvorak); in the interval, at 0.15 :—Press Review, News, and Time Signal.

PRAGUE (487m.), 5kw.—6 :—Time and News. 6.5 :—See Prague. 9.55 :—Czechoslovakian Concert in honour of President Masaryk; Overture, Komensky (Fibich); Selections from : (a) The Two Widows; (b) Dalibor (Smetana); Stirka; Quartet in D major Op. 15 (Foerster); Duet from Dalibor (Smetana); Concerto in A minor for Violin (Dvorak); Selections from—(a) Ins neue Leben; (b) Sokol-Marsch (Suk). 9 :—Time Signal and Sports Notes. 9.15 :—Concert from Prague. 9.55 :—Time, News, Theatre Review and Programme Announcements. 10 :—Time and Chimes.

ROME—Call 1RO (441m.), 50kw.—7.15 :—Giornale parlato, Announcements, and Sports Notes. 7.30 :—Exchange, Weather, News, and Press Review. 8 :—Time Signal. 8.2 :—Relay of an Opera, from the Teatro Reale: News after the Opera.

STOCKHOLM—Call SASA (436m.), 1.5kw., and MOTALA (1,345m., 25kw.), BODEN (1,935m.), GOTEBORG (1,322m.), HORBY (287m.), OSTERUND (770m.), SUNDSVALL (442m.).—6.15 :—Talk. 6.30 :—Talk. 7 :—Concert for Piano and Orchestra. 8.40 :—Report from the Royal Automobile Club. 8.45 :—Elementary French Lesson, relayed from Malmo (231m.). 9.15 :—Concert.

STUTTGART (360m., 2kw., and FREIBURG (570m.).—7 :—Time Signal and Review of the Principal Events of the Coming Week in Esperanto. 6.5 :—Talk. 6.30 :—Songs to the Lute—Apprentice and Journeyman Songs. 7.10 :—See Frankfurt. 8.45 :—In Death's Ante-chamber :—Sketch (Harry Hasfurd). 9.15 :—News from Frankfurt, followed by Sports Notes and Programme Announcements. 9.45 :—Orchestral Concert of Opera Music.

TOULOUSE (Radio Toulouse) (385m.), 8kw.—6 :—Dance Music. 6.15 :—Transmission of Pictures. 6.25 :—Talk on History. 6.35 :—Selections by an Argentine Orchestra. 6.50 :—Exchange Quotations. 7 :—Concert—Serenade (Toselli); Roses of Picardy (Woods); Berceuse (Fauré); The Bee (Schubert). 7.15 :—News. 7.30 :—Song Recital. 8 :—Exchange Quotations. 8.15 :—Variety Items. 7.30 :—Time Signal. 7.32 :—Programme from Milan.

VIENNA (516.3m.), 15kw., and GRAZ (352.5m.), INNSBRUCK (283.5m.), KLAGENFURT (453.2m.), and LINZ (245.9m.).—5.30 :—Talks. 6.30 :—Italian Language Lesson. 6.55 :—Time and News. 7 :—Concert—Haydn Haviraing—Comedy in Three Acts with a Prelude (Georg Kaiser), followed by Orchestral Concert of Modern Viennese Dance Music.

OTHER FOREIGN STATIONS

The following stations will also broadcast varied programmes beginning at the times stated :—

KATOWICE (408.7m.), 10kw.—10.58 a.m.
KONIGSBERG (276m., 2kw.—7.30 a.m.
LAUSANNE—Call HBL (850m.), 1.5kw.—6.45 a.m.
LYONS (Radio Lyons) (265m.), 1.5kw.—12 (noon).
PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Call KDKA (306m.), 25kw.—1 p.m. Programme relayed at intervals on 63 and 25 metres from 11 p.m.
SCHENECTADY, N.Y.—Call WGY (379.5m.), 30kw.—11.45 a.m. Relayed by 2XAD on 19.56m. from 11 p.m.
WERSAW (1,411m.), 11kw.—10.58 a.m.
ZAGREB (307m.), 0.7kw.—11.30 a.m.
ZURICH (459m.), 0.65kw.—11.30 a.m.

£1,500 DAMAGES FOR AN INVENTOR

Mrs. Bertha Victoria Taylor, of Carshalton-road, Sutton, was yesterday awarded £1,500 damages against Inventions Exploitation Trust, Limited, for breach of contract. Mrs. Taylor alleged that the defendants agreed to exploit an invention of which she was the patentee, and by which, she claimed, a woman could wave her own hair. The defendants were to pay her 1s. royalty for each article, and guaranteed for the first three years £300, £500, and £750 respectively. The defendants denied that any contract was made. The arrangement was, they said, to be subject to approval, and never was approved, because they found no demand in the trade for the invention.

MR. JUSTICE MACKINNON said that he thought that the defendants, in their desire to prevent Mrs. Taylor taking the device elsewhere, went too far, and entered into a contract which they did not really intend to make, and he gave judgment for the plaintiff for £1,500 damages, with costs.

FIRE IN LORD GLENTANAR'S YACHT

Fire broke out on Wednesday night in the steam yacht Elk, belonging to Lord Glentanar, which was moored at Rhu, on the Gare Loch, Dumbartonshire. An explosion took place in the battery room, and the chief engineer was severely burned about the head and arms. The crew and the Helensburgh Fire Brigade, which was taken out to the yacht in small boats, got the fire under control, but considerable damage was done.

Mails and Shipping

OUTWARD MAILS

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES

Mails will be dispatched from London to the destinations shown.

The times given are the latest hours for posting at the General Post Office, King Edward-street, London, E.C.1. In some of the district offices collections will be closed earlier.

11.30 A.M.—To Madeira‡‡, Mauritius‡‡, South Africa, Nyasaland, &c.‡‡; Air Mail to South Africa (Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, &c.)*§.
NOON.—To China (all parts)*, Japan*.
5.30 P.M.—To Canada (exc. Nova Scotia) (Mag. Post), Canada (Nova Scotia) (Mag. Post), Newfoundland (Mag. Post).
6 P.M.—To Argentina, Chile (exc. North), Paraguay and Uruguay†, Brazil (Rio and Santos)†, Canary Islands (all parts)†, Guianas (French and Dutch), Cape Verd Islands.
8 P.M.—To Canada (exc. Nova Scotia).

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

2 A.M.—To Canada (Nova Scotia), Canary Islands (all parts), China (Shanghai and N. China), Colombia (Santa Marta), Jamaica, Japan, Madeira, Newfoundland, West Coast of Africa (French Equatorial Africa (Gabon), French Senegal and Sudan, French Guinea, Gambia), United States, Bahamas, Bermuda, Bolivia, Central America (British Honduras, Guatemala, Honduras Republic, Nicaragua, Panama, Salvador), Cuba and Mexico, Chile (North), Colombia (exc. Santa Marta) Ecuador, Peru (exc. Iquitos), West Indies (Leeward Islands).
4 A.M.—Air Mails to Egypt, Cyprus, Sudan, Palestine, Iraq, Persia, India, and Afghanistan§.
7.30 A.M.—To Canary Islands (all parts), Guianas (British, French and Dutch), Venezuela, West Indies (Barbados, Trinidad, Grenada, St. Vincent and St. Lucia).
9 A.M.—To Costa Rica.
NOON.—To China (all parts)*, Japan*.
5.30 P.M.—To Canada (all parts) (Mag. Post), Newfoundland (Mag. Post).
6 P.M.—To Canada (all parts), Egypt, Palestine, Sudan and Syria, Iraq and Persia (Abadan, Bushire and Mohammerah), Newfoundland, West Coast of Africa (Belgian Congo (exc. Katanga) and French Middle Congo)†, West Coast of Africa (French Equatorial Africa (Gabon), French Senegal and Sudan, French Guinea).

FULL LIST OF DISPATCHES

In the following table are shown the main oversea mails, other than daily, including those set out above, to be dispatched shortly from London :—

Destination	Posting at G.P.O., London	
ARGENTINA, CHILE (exc. North), PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY :—		
Nelson† (Highland Chieftain)	Mar. 7	6 p.m.
Ital. pkt. (Giulio Cesare)	Mar. 10	6 p.m.
Du. pkt. (Gelria)	Mar. 12	8 p.m.
Du. pkt.† (Gelria)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
R.M.S.P.†† (Alcantara)	Mar. 13	5.30 p.m.
Houlder†† (Upway Grange)	Mar. 15	6 a.m.
Ger. pkt.† (Cap Polonio)	Mar. 15	6 p.m.
ASCENSION AND ST. HELENA : U.-Castle (Llanstephan Castle)	Apl. 2	7.30 a.m.
AUSTRALIA : P. & O. (Mooltan)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
Orient (Ormonde)	Mar. 20	6 p.m.
AUSTRALIA (Adelaide, &c.) AND ALL EASTERN STATE CITIES : Air Mail‡	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
BAHAMAS, BERMUDA, BOLIVIA, PERU (exc. Iquitos) : Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
BRAZIL (Rio, Santos) : Nelson† (Highland Chieftain)	Mar. 7	6 p.m.
(Rio, Santos) : Ital. pkt. (Giulio Cesare)	Mar. 10	6 p.m.
(Para, Manaos) : Booth (Bonifacio)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
(Pernam) : R.M.S.P.†† (Sirio)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
(exc. Rio, Santos) : Du. pkt. (Gelria)	Mar. 12	8 p.m.
(exc. Rio, Santos) : Du. pkt.† (Gelria)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
(Rio, Santos) : M.M.S.P. (Alcantara)	Mar. 13	8 p.m.
(Rio, Santos) : R.M.S.P.† (Alcantara)	Mar. 14	6 p.m.
(Rio, Santos) : Ger. pkt. (Desna)†	Mar. 14	5.30 p.m.
CANADA (exc. Nova Scotia) : Direct (Duchess of York)	Mar. 7	8 p.m.
(Nova Scotia) : Direct (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
(all parts) : Direct (Albertic)	Mar. 8	6 p.m.
(all parts) : Via N.Y. (Aquitania)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
(all parts) : Via N.Y. (Paris)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
(Mag. Post) (exc. Nova Scotia) : Direct (Duchess of York)	Mar. 7	5.30 p.m.
(Mag. Post) (Nova Scotia) : Direct (Albertic)	Mar. 8	5.30 p.m.
CANARY ISLANDS (all parts) : Nelson† (Highland Chieftain)	Mar. 7	6 p.m.
(all parts) : A. & W.S. (Tiberiastello)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
(all parts) : Via Madrid and Cadiz	Mar. 8	6 a.m.
(all parts) : Ital. pkt. (Gelria)	Mar. 12	8 p.m.
(all parts) : Du. pkt.† (Gelria)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
CAPE VERD IS. : Via Lisbon	Mar. 7	6 p.m.
CENTRAL AMERICA (B. Honduras, Guatemala, Honduras Republic, Nicaragua, Panama, Salvador). CUBA AND MEXICO : Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
CEYLON : P. & O. (Moolian and Kashgar)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
Orient (Ormonde)	Mar. 20	6 p.m.
CHINA (all parts) : Via Siberia*	Daily	Noon
(all parts) : Holt* (Cyclops)	Mar. 11	6 p.m.
(Shanghai, N. China) : Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
(all parts) : Via Suez (Moolian and Kashgar)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
COLOMBIA (exc. S. Marta), CHILE (N.) : Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
(S. Marta) : Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
(S. Marta) : Via N.Y. (Aquitania)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
COSTA RICA : U. & P. (Carare)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
Via N.Y. (Aquitania)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
DUTCH EAST INDIES : Du. pkt. (Sibajak)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
P. & O. (Moolian)	Mar. 15	6 p.m.
EAST AFRICA (Kenya, Uganda, Zanzibar, and Tanganyika) : Fr. pkt. (Leconte de Lisle)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
P. & O. (Moolian)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
ECUADOR : Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
EGYPT, SUDAN, PALESTINE, &c. : Air Mail§	Mar. 8	6 a.m.
EGYPT, SUDAN, PALESTINE, AND SYRIA : Fr. pkt. (Chateaubriand)	Mar. 8	6 p.m.
EGYPT, PALESTINE, AND SYRIA : Ital. pkt. (Assonia)	Mar. 11	6 p.m.
Ital. pkt. (Ausonia)	Mar. 13	9 a.m.
EGYPT (exc. Pt. Said) AND SUDAN : Ital. pkt. (Heliouan)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
EGYPT (exc. Pt. Said) : Ital. pkt. (Heliouan)	Mar. 15	9 a.m.
EGYPT, CYPRUS, SUDAN, PALESTINE, &c. : P. & O. (Moolian)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
FALKLAND IS. : Via Buenos Aires (Orbita)	Mar. 15	6 p.m.
FRENCH PORTS OF CALL : Via Marseilles (Cap Polonio and Loreto)	Mar. 15	6 p.m.
FIJI : Via Frisco (Aquitania and Sierra)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
GUIANAS (Fr., Du.) : Du. pkt. (Prins F. Hendrik)	Mar. 7	6 p.m.
GUIANAS (Br., Fr. and Du.) : Du. pkt. (Simon Bolivar)	Mar. 8	7.30 a.m.
Fr. pkt. (Perou)	Mar. 10	6 p.m.
Fr. pkt. (Perou)	Mar. 11	6 p.m.
Ger. pkt. (Galicia)	Mar. 12	8 p.m.
INDIA, ADEN, PERSIA (exc. North) (Abadan, Bushire and Mohammerah) AND SEYCHELLES : P. & O. (Moolian)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
INDIA, IRAQ, PERSIA AND PERSIAN GULF : Air Mail§	Mar. 8	6 a.m.
IRAQ, PERSIA (Abadan, Bushire and Mohammerah) : Fr. pkt. (Champollion)	Mar. 8	6 p.m.
P. & O. (Moolian)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
JAMAICA : Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
Via N.Y. (Aquitania)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
JAPAN : Via Siberia*	Daily	Noon
Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
Via Vancouver (Duchess of Atholl and Emp. of Asia)	Mar. 14	6 p.m.
MADAGASCAR : Fr. pkt. (Leconte de Lisle)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
MADEIRA : U.-Castle‡ (Kenilworth Castle)	Mar. 7	11.30a.m
R.M. (Egori)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
MAURITIUS : Via Cape Town‡‡ (Kenilworth Castle)	Mar. 7	11.30a.m
NEWFOUNDLAND : Via Canada (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
Via Canada (Albertic)	Mar. 8	6 p.m.
Via N.Y. (Aquitania)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
Fr. pkt. (Paris)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
(Mag. Post) : Via Canada (Lancastria)	Mar. 7	5.30 p.m.
(Mag. Post) : Via Canada (Albertic)	Mar. 8	5.30 p.m.
NEW ZEALAND : Via Suez (Moolian)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
Via Panama (Ruahine)	Mar. 14	7.30 a.m.
Via Vancouver (Olympic and Aorangi)	Mar. 19	2 a.m.
NEW ZEALAND : Air Mail§	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
PERU (Iquitos) : Booth (Bonifacio)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
Du. pkt. (Gelria)	Mar. 12	8 p.m.
Du. pkt.† (Gelria)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
SAMOA : Via Frisco (Aquitania and Sierra)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
SOUTH AFRICA (Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, &c.) : Air Mails*§	Mar. 7	11.30a.m
SOUTH AFRICA, NYASALAND, &c. : U.-Castle‡ (Kenilworth Castle)	Mar. 7	11.30a.m
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS : Holt* (Cyclops)	Mar. 11	6 p.m.
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SIAM, FRENCH INDO-CHINA, NORTH BORNEO, &c. : P. & O. (Moolian and Kashgar)	Mar. 13	6 p.m.
Canard (Aquitania)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
Fr. pkt.* (Paris)	Mar. 12	6 p.m.
VENEZUELA : Du. pkt. (Simon Bolivar)	Mar. 8	7.30 a.m.
Fr. pkt. (Perou)	Mar. 10	6 p.m.
Fr. pkt. (Perou)	Mar. 11	6 p.m.
Ger. pkt. (Galicia)	Mar. 12	8 p.m.
WEST COAST OF AFRICA : Belgian Congo (exc. Katanga) and Fr. Middle Congo : Bel. pkt.† (Albertville)	Mar. 8	6 p.m.
Fr. Equatorial Africa (Gabon), Fr. Senegal, Sudan, and Fr. Guinea : E.D. (Ecori)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
Fr. pkt. (Chelma)	Mar. 8	6 p.m.
Gambia : E.D. (Ecori)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
Fernando Po and Spanish Guinea : Via Madrid and Cadiz	Mar. 15	7.30 a.m.
E.D. (Abinsi)	Mar. 19	2 a.m.
Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Br. and Fr. Togoland, Br. Cameroons : E.D. (Accra)	Mar. 12	2 a.m.
WEST INDIES (Leeward) : Via N.Y. (Lancastria)	Mar. 8	2 a.m.
(Barbados) : Du. pkt. (Simon Bolivar)	Mar. 8	7.30 a.m.
(Trinidad, &c.) : Du. pkt. (Simon Bolivar)	Mar. 8	7.30 a.m.
(Trinidad, &c.) : Fr. pkt. (Perou)	Mar. 10	6 p.m.
(Trinidad, &c.) : Fr. pkt. (Perou)	Mar. 11	6 p.m.
(Trinidad, &c.) : Ger. pkt. (Galicia)	Mar. 12	8 p.m.

* Correspondence to be forwarded by this route must be specially so addressed.

"§ Air fee is 4d. per oz. in addition to the ordinary postage.

‡ Air fee is 3d. per half oz. in addition to the ordinary postage.

‡‡ Air fees to be prepaid by ordinary postage stamps in addition to the ordinary postage and registration fees, if any, are as follows :—

To Egypt and Palestine, &c.	2d. per half oz.
,, Iraq	3½d. ,,
,, Persia, Persian Gulf, and India	5d. ,,

An Air Mail label should be attached.

† Letters and post-cards only.

†† Printed papers, letters, and post-cards will be sent by this despatch only when addressed accordingly.

‡‡ Letters for Madeira, Mauritius, South Africa, Nyasaland, &c., by the Kenilworth Castle may be posted in a special box at Waterloo Station, March 7, from 10.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. by affixing an additional stamp to the value of 6d.

DISPATCHES OF PARCEL MAILS

Parcel mails will be dispatched to the destinations shown, the times given being the hours for posting at the General Post Office :—**TO-DAY, 9 A.M.**—To Bahamas and Bermuda, British Honduras (via U.S.A.), Canada, China (via Canada), China (via U.S.A.), Colombia (exc. Pacific Coast), Honduras Republic (via U.S.A.), Japan (via Canada), Japan (via U.S.A.), Latvia, Mauritius (via France), Mexico (via U.S.A.), Panama Canal Zone (via U.S.A.), Poland, Russia-in-Europe, Russia-in-Asia, United States, West Indies (Leeward Islands). **1.15 P.M.**—To Canary Islands, Costa Rica, Egypt, Palestine, Sudan and Syria (via France), Portugal, Iraq and Persia (via France and Desert Motor Service).

INWARD MAILS DUE

Letter mails are expected from the following countries and will probably be delivered in London as shown :—**TO-DAY.**—China and Japan (via Siberia). **TO-MORROW.**—U.S.A., Canada, New Zealand, China, Bahamas, British Honduras, Mexico and Central America, by ss. Aquitania. U.S.A. and Canada, by ss. Berlin. U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai and North China, Bermuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, Central America, Panama, West Coast of South America, Leeward Islands and Windward Islands, by ss. American Trader. Egypt, Sudan, India, Straits Settlements, Malay States, North Borneo, Philippine Islands, Sarawak and Siam, by ss. Viceroy of India. Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, by ss. General Voyton.

LINERS EXPECTED

The following table shows the approximate times at which, according to the latest information available, incoming liners are expected at home ports :—

TO-DAY

BERLIN (N.D.L.), from New York; Southampton, 8 p.m.
HINDUSTAN (P. & O.), from Calcutta; Tilbury Dock, 5.30 p.m.
CENTRAL (P. & O.), from Sydney; Tilbury Dock, 4.30 a.m.
CITY OF POONA (Ellerman), from Calcutta; London.
DUCHESS OF RICHMOND (C.P.R.), from Cruise; Liverpool, 8 a.m.
JAN PIETERSZOON COEN (N.R.M.), from Batavia; Southampton, 7.30 a.m.
MANTUA (P. & O.), from Yokohama; King George V. Dock, 6.30 a.m.
MARDA (B.I.), from Calcutta; Plymouth, p.m. Due Tilbury, Sunday, 10 a.m.
MOROCCO (Ellerman), from Bombay; Hull.
OXFORDSHIRE (Bibby), from Rangoon; London, 6 a.m.

TO-MORROW

AMERICAN TRADER (U.S.L.), from New York; Plymouth. Due London Sunday.
AQUITANIA (Cunard), from New York; Southampton, 1 p.m.
CITY OF LAHORE (Ellerman), from Calcutta; Dundee.
CITY OF LEICESTER (Ellerman), from Rangoon; Hull.
KENT (Federal), from New Zealand; London, 1 p.m.
LARGS BAY (A. and C.L.), from Australia; Southampton. Passengers land 6 a.m.
PARTHENIA (Donaldson), from Pacific Coast; Gravesend, 6 p.m.

FORTHCOMING SAILINGS

Particulars of forthcoming sailings of liners from this country will be found in the companies' announcements on page 2.

MOVEMENTS OF LINERS

(FROM OWNERS AND LLOYD'S)

AFRICAN

ADDA .. .. For W. Africa, left Accra 4th.
BERENT .. .. For U.K., left Takoradi 4th.
BIAFRA .. .. Fm. W. C. Africa, arr. Hull 5th.
ERGO .. .. For L'pool, left Accra 3rd.

AMERICA-LEVANT LINE

HANTRIA .. .. Fm. Oran, arr. Genoa 3rd.

ATLANTIC TRANSPORT

MARYLAND .. .. For Boston, left N.Y. 1st.
MISSOURI .. .. For Halifax, left Norfolk 3rd.

BEN LINE

BENVRACKIE .. .. For Hamburg, left Rangoon 1st.

BIBBY

HEREFORDSHIRE .. Fm. Rangoon, arr. Suez 6th.
YORKSHIRE .. .. Fm. L'pool, arr. Port Said 6th.

BLUE FUNNEL

AENEAS .. .. Fm. N. China, arr. Tsingtao 4th.
AUTOMEDON .. .. For Japan, left Belawan 2nd.
HECTOR .. .. For Ldn., left Colombo 4th.
MEDON .. .. Fm. N.Y., arr. Pt. Said 5th.
MERIONES .. .. Fm. L'pool, arr. Moji 1st.
OANFA .. .. For Japan, left Hong-kong 3rd.
PERSEUS .. .. Fm. L'pool, arr. Pt. Said 5th.
POLYDORUS .. .. Fm. L'pool, arr. Batavia 4th.
PROTESILAUS .. .. Fm. L'pool, arr. Hong-kong 2nd.
PYRRHUS .. .. For Ldn., left Singapore 3rd.
TROILUS .. .. Fm. N.Y., left Singapore 3rd.

BLUE STAR

AVILA STAR .. .. For B. Aires, left Gravesend 5th.

BRITISH AND AFRICAN

ABA .. .. For L'pool, left Lagos 4th.
DIAGORAS .. .. For Cape Cst., left Takoradi 4th.

BULLARD, KING

UMZUMBI .. .. For E. Ldn., left Pt. Natal 5th.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

DUCHESS OF ATHOLL For L'pool, left Plymouth 5th.
EMP. OF ASIA .. For Vancouver, left Hong-kong 5th.
EMP. OF AUSTRALIA Fm. Bergen, arr. Kobe 5th.
EMP. OF FRANCE .. For Venice, left Naples 5th.
EMP. OF SCOTLAND Fm. Athens, arr. Istambul 5th.

CHARGEURS REUNIS

BAOULE .. .. Fm. Hamburg, arr. Dakar 4th.
BELLE ISLE .. .. For Hamburg, left Casablanca 4th.
CEYLAN .. .. For Bordeaux, left Dakar 4th.

CLAN LINE

CLAN CHATTAN .. Fm. Ldn., arr. Swansea 6th.
CLAN MACIVER .. Fm. E. Africa, arr. Mombasa 6th.
CLAN MACKAY .. Fm. L'pool, arr. Madras 5th.
CLAN MACKELLAR .. Fm. L'pool, arr. Pt. Said 6th.
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THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE Co. Ltd.

EXTRACTS FROM THE EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1929

ORDINARY BRANCH

New Sums Assured	£17,606,949
Total Sums Assured and Bonus	£187,547,449
Premiums Received	£11,713,684
Payments to Policyholders	£11,102,120
Policyholders' share of profits	£2,477,808
Reversionary Bonus	£2 10s.% Whole Life Assurances; £2 6s.% Endowment Assurances

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH

New Sums Assured	£63,182,236
Total Sums Assured and Bonus	£471,457,356
Premiums received	£17,385,175
Payments to Policyholders	£12,454,111
Policyholders' share of profits	£3,316,062
Reversionary Bonus	£1 14s.%

GENERAL BRANCH

Premiums Received	£1,845,509
Payments to Policyholders	£1,180,020

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS IN 1929 - £24,736,251

The PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

BALANCE SHEET on the 31st December, 1929.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Authorised capital :—		
1,250,000 "A" shares of £1 each	£1,250,000	
1,000,000 "B" shares of £1 each	1,000,000	
	£2,250,000	
Issued capital :—		
1,000,000 "A" shares of £1 each, fully paid	£1,000,000 0 0	1,000,000 0 0
245,523 "A" shares of £1 each, 4s. paid	49,104 12 0	49,104 12 0
1,000,000 "B" shares of £1 each, 4s. paid	200,000 0 0	200,000 0 0
Calls received in advance, "A" shares		6,822 8 0
Premium received on "A" shares issued in 1929	£223,908 0 0	
Add interest earned	195 0 10	
	£224,103 0 10	
Less Expenses relating to Issue to date	3,870 14 0	
		219,832 6 10
Life assurance fund Ordinary Branch		90,105,885 4 10
Industrial assurance fund		117,480,808 18 11
Fire insurance fund	£671,770 0 0	
Sickness and accident insurance fund	159,215 18 10	
Employers' liability insurance fund (British)	122,265 0 0	
Employers' liability insurance fund (Irish Free State)	1,122 0 0	
Miscellaneous insurance fund	363,474 0 0	
Sinking fund insurance fund	474,170 0 0	
Marine insurance fund	£01,089 3 9	
General Branch insurance funds		2,393,074 2 7
Investments reserve funds :—		
Ordinary Branch	£5,500,000 0 0	
Industrial Branch	4,750,000 0 0	
		10,250,000 0 0
Common contingency fund		1,857,477 11 4
Contingency fund		850,000 0 0
Special contingency fund		1,898,140 15 3
Claims admitted or intimated but not paid :—		
Life assurance		381,376 9 8
Fire insurance		147,011 10 11
Miscellaneous insurance		94,425 18 4
Annuities due and unpaid		3,475 18 8
Outstanding commission and expenses		215,000 0 0
Due to other Companies on re-insurance account :—		
Fire insurance	£122,195 19 1	
Sickness and accident insurance	163 12 6	
Miscellaneous insurance	1,946 4 11	
Marine insurance	31,651 9 9	
General Branch		155,957 6 3
Reserve for Income-tax		69,448 4 2
Sundry creditors		6,925 15 11
Deposit by Subsidiary Company		100 0 0
Loans on Policies within their surrender values, due to re-insuring Companies		105,150 0 0
Bonus allocation to members of Company's outdoor staff	£528,497 8 2	
Deduct payments made in advance	10,684 4 10	
		517,813 3 4
Balance standing to credit of Profit and loss account		1,072,613 3 8

Note :—

(a) Instalments not due until after 31st December, 1929, on investments held, £5,003,521 12s. 6d.

(b) Uncalled capital on investments held, £1,320,844.

(c) Contingent liability on Shares, £244,220.

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom excluding the Irish Free State		10,870,006 9 1
Mortgages on property within the Irish Free State		4,504 1 6
Mortgages on property out of the United Kingdom		6,426,451 14 3
Loans outside the United Kingdom without specific security		147,612 0 5
Loans on parochial and other public rates		10,413,913 10 6
Loans on Life interests		48,180 0 0
Loans on Reversions		7,484 14 8
Loans on Stocks and Shares		5,011,445 19 0
Loans on Company's policies within their surrender values		7,314,381 18 7
Loans on Personal security		—
Loans to Educational Institutions secured on income		16,684 10 5
Loans to Subsidiary Companies		94,050 5 3
Investments : Deposits with the High Court :—		
£17,122 14s. 5% War Loan 1929-1947		16,080 19 1
£20,000 5% War Loan 1929-1947		20,000 0 0
£21,100 5% Treasury Bonds 1933/35		19,981 5 0
Deposits with the Supreme Court of Judicature in Irish Free State :—		
£20,000 5% War Loan 1929-1947		20,000 0 0
£20,000 5% War Loan 1929-1947		20,000 0 0
British Government securities		50,348,922 10 6
Securities guaranteed by British Government under Trade Facilities Acts		7,017,845 2 2
Debentures guaranteed by British Government under Trade Facilities Acts, in Subsidiary Companies (£400,000 at cost)		388,000 0 0
Bank of England stock		153,814 0 0
Municipal and county securities, United Kingdom		6,382,655 2 9
Indian and Colonial Government securities		9,063,332 5 3
Indian and Colonial provincial securities		340,931 1 10
Indian and Colonial municipal securities		2,606,607 16 1
Foreign Government securities		11,093,084 5 0
Foreign provincial securities		1,885,946 1 1
Foreign municipal securities		3,076,622 10 3
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks and gold and sterling bonds—Home and Foreign		33,619,720 11 1
Debentures and debenture stocks in Subsidiary Companies (£282,000 at cost, *less* amounts written off)		255,785 0 0
Railway and other preference and guaranteed stocks and shares		17,527,938 17 0
Railway and other ordinary stocks and shares		26,235,670 2 7
Ordinary shares in Subsidiary Companies (at cost, *less* amounts written off)		953,150 18 8
Rent charges		162,747 17 6
Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties		4,885,973 17 3
Leasehold ground rents		4,411 1 10
Office premises at cost, *less* amounts written off		3,337,345 19 8
House property		3,764,238 11 1
Life interests		35,429 4 1
Reversions		283,894 0 0
Agents' balances		115,168 3 3
Outstanding premiums		1,462,954 10 10
Outstanding interest, dividends and rents		304,117 19 8
Interest, dividends and rents accrued but not payable		1,048,078 12 3
Due from other Companies on re-insurance Account		354,371 18 8
Sundry debtors		40,771 1 0
Bills receivable		663,602 18 2
Marine Stamps		307 11 10
Cash :—		
On deposit :—		
In the United Kingdom		160,000 0 0
Abroad		92,865 4 2
In hand and on current account :—		
In the United Kingdom		767,223 15 3
Abroad		80,794 11 1
		£228,569,537 10 9

"A" Shares.—This capital is liable in respect of contracts in all branches of the Company's business, but is included in the Industrial Branch accounts pursuant to Sec. 3 of The Prudential Assurance Company Act, 1875.

Common Contingency Fund.—In accordance with Clause 190 (b) of the Articles of Association this fund may be applied to any one or more branches, as determined by the Directors.

The values of the Stock Exchange securities are determined, under the Articles of Association of the Company, by the Directors; these values have been compared with the middle market prices as at 31st December, 1929, and we certify that in our belief the Assets set forth in the Balance Sheet, are, in the aggregate, in excess of the value stated therein.

Part of the Assets (Investments and Cash) of the General Branch has been deposited under local laws in places out of the United Kingdom on account of Fire and Marine business locally transacted.

No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than those of the class of business to which the fund is applicable.

The profits or losses shown in the annual accounts of Subsidiary Companies made up to a date within the year ended 31st December, 1929, or in the last previous annual accounts which became available within that year have been dealt with as follows :—

Profits are included in this Company's Revenue Accounts to the extent of the dividends declared. Losses of two Companies amounting in the aggregate to £1,857 1s. 11d. have been dealt with by writing £1,145 18s. 9d. off the Reserve of one Company and by carrying £513 0s. 2d. forward in respect of the second Company.

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.*
F. SCHOOLING,
GEORGE L. BARSTOW, } *Directors.*
J. BURN, *General Manager.*
F. F. SYMMONS, *Actuary.*
E. MAY, *Secretary.*

We report that, with the assistance of the Chartered Accountants as stated below, we have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and in our opinion such accounts are correct and the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than those of the class of business to which the fund is applicable.

We have investigated the methods of calculating and apportioning the expenses of management and the accounts thereof and in our opinion the accounts show a fair and equitable apportionment of the expenses between the Industrial and other Branches of the Company's business.

R. F. ROLLO } *Auditors.*
H. R. GRAY }

We have examined the Cash transactions (Receipts and Payments) affecting the accounts of the Mortgage, Loans and Investments for the year ended 31st December, 1929, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds, Stock and Bonds in possession of the Company, and have verified by Certificates of Bankers or other Depositaries the Securities and Cash in their custody, which together represent the Mortgages, Loans, Investments and Cash set out in the above Balance Sheet as on the 31st December, 1929.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO., *Chartered Accountants.*

18th *February*, 1930.

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CITY NOTES

THE DECLINE IN BANK RATE

SOUTHAMPTON LOAN

Yesterday's movement (from 4½ to 4 per cent.) in Bank rate is the fifth successive reduction of ½ per cent. since the collapse of the great American "boom." That "boom" had caused world-wide monetary stringency, and for two years before the collapse interest rates everywhere were advanced, the London rate being raised from 4½ to 5½ per cent. on February 7, 1929, and to 6½ per cent. on September 26. The collapse of the "boom" in October was so precipitate, stock market values falling between September 19 and November 13 by no less than $40,000,000,000 (£8,000,000,000), that it quickly brought about a change for the better in the international monetary position. In nearly every country the pressure for money has since been relaxed, and Bank rates have everywhere been reduced. The present rate of 4 per cent. is the lowest borrowers here have enjoyed since December 3, 1925. It would be wrong, however, to assume that the collapse of the Wall-street "boom" has been the sole cause of the rapid cheapening of money. The persistent fall in the commodity price level, with its temporarily restrictive effects upon trade, has also contributed to an easing of the monetary position.

Favourable Effect

The action of the Bank Court yesterday in reducing the rate was not less welcomed because it was generally expected. There was a further advance in all gilt-edged securities, and industrial shares were also firm, these being affected favourably, not only by the reduction in Bank rate, but also by Mr. Baldwin's speech. That a lowering of Bank rate was sooner or later inevitable had been apparent from the wide difference which has lately existed between the official rate of discount and the open market rate, the difference earlier in the week having been over 1 per cent. There was no point therefore, in maintaining the official rate at a figure which was ineffective. The reduction having been freely anticipated it had but a negligible effect upon discount rates. In fact, the margin between the official rate and the open market rate is still nearly ½ per cent. On the foreign exchanges also the influence of the reduction was surprisingly slight; indeed, the New York exchange moved in favour of sterling, though a contrary movement was to be expected. The Bank's gold position has been greatly strengthened since October, when its stock of the metal fell to the exceptionally low level of £130,344,000. It now stands at £152,290,000, the addition since the beginning of the year having amounted to £6,174,000. As further gold is on the way from Australia, it should not be long before last year's net loss of £8,228,000 is wiped out.

New Corporation Loan

A new home corporation loan will be underwritten to-day, and will be offered for public subscription on Monday. The borrower is Southampton, which will be issuing £1,650,000 of Five per Cent. Redeemable stock at 99. It will be repayable at latest in 1967, but the borrower may redeem it in or after 1947. Payment of the instalments will be spread over a period ending on June 19. There is no "turn" in the first interest payment, which will be made on September 30 and will amount to £2 per cent. The money is required for electricity and other public works. As will be seen from the news given in another column, the Bristol Corporation will shortly appeal to the investor.

Result of the South African Issue

We are informed that underwriters of the Union of South Africa £6,000,000 Five per Cent. loan which was offered for subscription on Monday at 98½ per cent. have been called upon to take up 75 per cent. of the amount. This result shows that the price was a little too high, but the fact that the borrower had an option over 30 years to redeem the loan before the final date perhaps militated to some extent against the success of the issue. A 20-year option is long enough, but 30 years is unusually long. The loan stands at a small discount which will disappear with the gradual placing of the stock with investors, for the credit of the country is good.

Important Industrial Dividends

Dividends were declared yesterday by the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers and its chief subsidiary, the British Portland Cement Manufacturers. The Associated company, after providing £267,150 for sinking funds and for depreciation reserves, is paying 8 per cent. for the year. The British Portland company is allocating £255,000 for sinking fund and depreciation, and is paying a final dividend of 10 per cent., making 15 per cent. for the year. In both cases the dividends and the allocations are identical with those for 1928. The companies have yet to publish their statement of profits, but in view of the trying times through which industry has been passing the news that these leaders of the cement trade have maintained their dividends will be received with satisfaction by the shareholders. The preliminary statement published by British Insulated Cables indicates a maintenance of great prosperity. For 1928 Ordinary shareholders received a total cash dividend of 15 per cent. and in addition a capital bonus of 25 per cent. in Ordinary shares and of 37½ per cent. in "A" Five-and-a-Half per Cent. Preference shares. The company is now paying a balance dividend for 1929 that will raise the cash distribution for the year on the Ordinary to 15 per cent. on the capital as enlarged by the bonus. Allocations to reserve and depreciation amount to £298,333 (against £399,966), and £280,000 is carried forward, as compared with £250,089. The board also announces that out of specific provisions previously set aside but now no longer required a dividend equalization account of £300,000 has been created. Another company whose annual report will reveal a very satisfactory condition of affairs is D. Napier and Son, the well-known engineers. Net profits last year rose from £167,438 to £192,329, and the company, in addition to paying a final dividend of 2s. per share, proposes to distribute a capital bonus at the rate of three new Ordinary shares for each share held.

The Courtaulds Meeting

In his comprehensive review of conditions in the rayon industry yesterday at the annual meeting of Courtaulds, Mr. Samuel Courtauld devoted considerable attention to the subject of the silk duties. While admitting that there were several causes of the setback in the industry last year, including the collapse in Wall-street and the over-production and consequent price cutting all over Europe, he said that the uncertainty surrounding the fate of the artificial silk duties must be held chiefly responsible. At the present time the total weekly hours worked in the company's factories had been reduced by over 33 per cent. as compared with a year ago, and wages and production had fallen in proportion, but even so the company's stocks of yarn showed no diminution, as the fall in sales did not appear to be fully arrested. Present output was actually less than half of what it would be if the whole of the company's plants, including the second Wolverhampton unit, were working at full capacity. Mr. Courtauld repeated what he said a year ago—namely, that the removal of the duties would be a first-class calamity to all those engaged in the industry. He believed that it would be followed by many weaker producers disappearing from the field altogether, and that so far as Courtaulds were concerned it would definitely put an end to any hope of further expansion in this country, and very probably result in a permanent shrinkage.

National Value of Rayon

The essentially national character of the rayon industry was another point emphasized by Mr. Courtauld. Rayon yarns produced in this country were, he said, nearly 100 per cent. British from the raw material upwards, and this could not be said of any other thread or fibre used by the textile trades. The cost of the company's average viscose thread, analysed according to the cost of its constituent parts, was 85 per cent. English; 10 per cent. might be attributed to the cost of the pulp, which was frequently and might be always an Empire product; only 5 per cent. was at present necessarily of foreign origin. On the other hand a raw silk thread was 100 per cent. foreign; in the case of a cotton thread of an average quality about two-thirds of the ultimate cost was accounted for by the imported raw cotton and only one-third was expended in England, and the same thing was true of many qualities of worsted and linen. He contended that any Government, present or future, which was concerned to attack unemployment and the adverse balance of imports would do well to realize that the manufacture of rayon yarn had a national value under these two headings to a degree which was not true of any other textile. In summarizing the outlook for 1930 Mr. Courtauld made it evident that he looks for a further decrease in profits. On the other hand, he said that it was most unlikely that the company would have to face a writing down of assets on any scale comparable with what had recently occurred.

Modder B's Lower Costs

Thanks to a reduction in working costs of 1s. a ton, profits of the Modderfontein B Gold Mines for 1929 were practically the same as for 1928, in spite of a falling off in the yield per ton milled from 7.534dwt. to 7.242dwt., and a decline from 32s. 3d. to 31s. in the revenue per ton milled. The results for the past three years are compared in the following table :—

—	1929	1928	1927
Tons milled	836,000	830,000	804,000
Yield per ton	7.242dwts.	7.534dwts.	7.660dwts.
Revenue per ton	31s. 0d.	32s. 3d.	32s. 10d.
Working costs per ton	17s. 3d.	18s. 0d.	18s. 9d.
Working profit per ton	13s. 9d.	14s. 0d.	14s. 0d.
Total working profit	£574,563	£580,290	£588,803
Development footage	19,478	27,287	28,670
Ore reserves	1,445,400 (tons)	1,740,900 (tons)	2,166,720 (tons)

The improvement in working costs was partly due to the reduction in development footage. Prospecting work on the south reef has yielded disappointing results, and the consulting engineer considers it unlikely that any large tonnage of payable ore will be developed during the current year. Profits for the year were £607,625, against £608,841, and two dividends of 40 per cent. each were again paid.

Causes of the Prudential Success

A study of the address of Sir Edgar Horne, the chairman, at the meeting of the Prudential Assurance Company yesterday enables an insight to be gained of the causes contributing to the continuing growth and success of this immense institution. It would be strange if students did not recognize signs and results of efficiency and enterprise and of the advantages of work conducted on a vast scale. Willingness to disclose so many facts is itself a good characteristic of the management. It sets out the figures in the most open manner. Thus, out of a surplus of rather more than £6,000,000 in the industrial department more than £3,300,000 is allotted as bonus to the participating policy-holders; £651,000 is transferred to the proprietors' account; £528,000 is allotted as bonus to the members of the outdoor staff; £1,233,000 is applied to various reserve funds; and £286,000 is carried forward. Another table shows how the sums assured on the basis of a weekly premium of 1d. have been improved during the last 10 years, and how the amount allocated to the policy-holders in the shape of bonuses has grown out of all proportion to the rate of increase in the distributions to the shareholders. The Post Office ceased to transact new business last year, and Sir Edgar Horne yesterday remarked that it would not be unfair to compare the results given by the company with those which were being obtained by the remaining policy-holders in the Post Office Life Assurance Scheme, who would not in any circumstances share in profits, even if any were made. The Prudential offered to take over the existing policies and to accord the policy-holders benefits similar to those which it gives to its own assured. That offer was not accepted, but it is still open. Only an enterprise which had the utmost confidence in its own system could make such a gesture.

Proposed Developments Abroad

Part of the success of the company clearly lies in the skilful management of its funds—no doubt the size of these assists it to make full use of opportunities which would be denied to smaller concerns. Yesterday the chairman was able to state that, in spite of the trying times in the stock markets last year, there was still a satisfactory margin between the market value and the book value of the securities, without recourse to the reserve funds, which are very substantial. The company also does well for its policy-holders in the ordinary department, and, as indicating vigour and enterprise, it is noteworthy that the management is now considering means of developing its work both on the Continent of Europe and in Canada. As regards the Continent, past depreciation in various currencies has led to a greater appreciation than ever before of the value of British security—an outcome from which all strong British insurance institutions should benefit—while in the British Dominions and Colonies the management looks for a much greater relative increase in population and wealth than is probable in this country. Again, the reputation of the British offices in these overseas countries should redound in a practical way to their credit there. Turning again to these islands, one of the especially suggestive and reasoned passages in the Prudential address was that there would be a gain to the nation if the Treasury would agree that life assurances earmarked for the purpose of the payment of death duties should not be added to the aggregate of estates, so far as they were employed for that particular purpose.

STOCK EXCHANGE

FURTHER RECOVERY

THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN SCRIP

Influenced by the reduction in Bank rate, markets yesterday maintained the rising tendency that set in two days earlier. While, however, there appeared to be more inquiry for stock, the volume of business was again very small. British Government stocks made a general improvement, and the new Five per Cent. Conversion "B," by rising to 102 3-16, stood for the first time on a parity with the Five per Cent. War Loan. Dealings began in the new South African loan. The percentage left with underwriters was larger than had been generally expected, and the scrip opened at a discount of ½. It was soon evident that there were buyers of the scrip, and within a quarter of an hour the discount had narrowed to ¼, the closing price being 3-16 discount. Home Railway stocks, which were dealt in ex dividend, established fresh gains. In the Foreign Market a feature was the strength of Brazilian bonds, due largely to anticipations of large purchases during the present month on account of the sinking fund. The Industrial Market showed a good deal of irregularity. Oil shares were firmer, but a fall occurred in Rhodesian and Kaffir mining shares.

The Three-and-a-Half per Cent. Conversion Loan rose ¼ to 75¼, and there were gains of ¼ in Four per Cent. Funding and the new Five per Cent. Conversion Loan. Other BRITISH GOVERNMENT stocks were quoted about ¼ higher. Among the recently issued Corporation loans Brighton rose to 1 premium and Hastings to ¼ premium. Hull was called ¼ discount. India Three-and-a-Half per Cents. advanced ¼ to 59, and rises of ¼ to ¾ took place in other Indian loans. The HOME RAILWAY market again received a little support, and, allowing for the deducting of the dividends, prices at the close showed fractional gains. Great Western were quoted at 89½, L.M.S. at 59¾, North Eastern Preferred at 35¼, and Southern Deferred at 30¾.

There was a general advance of 1 to 2 points in Brazilian loans, the imminence of some fairly large purchases for the sinking funds (of the 1888, 1889, and 1913 loans) affecting the market, as well as a firm exchange; a fair inquiry found prices sensitive owing to lack of large supplies. The Rescission Four per Cents. advanced to 56, the 1888 to 65½, the Funding 1914 bonds to 79½, the Six-and-a-Half per Cents to 83¼, and the Coffee Seven-and-a-Half per Cents. to 84½. Otherwise the FOREIGN market was steady, with a little inquiry for Greek Refugee Seven per Cents. and Public Works Six per Cents., which moved up to 102½ and 86½ respectively. Estonian and Turkish bonds were weak. South American Railway stocks were steady.

Oil shares were firmer, an exception being Attock, which reacted 3-16 to 1½. Royal Dutch, Shell, Anglo-Persian, Lobitos, and Trinidad Leaseholds were all higher.

There were further rises in TEA shares. Assam rose nearly 1s. to above 33s., and others to advance included Lungla, Chubwa, and Buxa Dooars, the last named reaching 3 after hours. RUBBER shares were an uninteresting market.

COURTAULDS LOWER

The tone in the INDUSTRIAL market was again firmer, but there were a number of exceptions. Courtaulds were offered at 2½ following the meeting, but later the shares were bid for at 2¼, which still left them lower on the day. Snia Viscosa also declined, but other textile shares had a fairly steady appearance. The coal, iron, and steel group was brighter. Powell Duffryn, Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, and Babcock and Wilcox being higher, and there were rises in motor engineering shares—namely, Leyland, Rolls-Royce, and Napier. General Electric rose to 46s. 9d. In the shipping group Royal Mail Ordinary stock was lower at 23½. Leading tobacco shares were higher, British-American being quoted ex dividend, and a general rally took place in Cables and Wireless stocks, of which the Preference closed at 93½, ex dividend. In the dollar group Hydro-Electric were strong, and after reaching $46½ in the House, the shares rose to $48 in the street, at which they showed a rise of nearly $3; it was reported that the International Holding had exercised its option on unissued shares of the Hydro-Electric at $25 a share. International Holding, which were quoted at under $5 on Wednesday, yesterday rose to over $5¼. Brazilian Traction, at $40½, were higher, but both Nickel and Columbia Graphophone declined. Lautaro Nitrate Preferred shares were 2 3-16 only. Among BANK shares Hongkong and Shanghai, at 108, ex dividend, showed a fall.

SOUTH AFRICAN shares were a dull market, and prices closed with numerous falls. The weakness of Rand Selection and West Springs, of which the Cape has been a seller of the latter, was prominent, these shares falling to 11s. 9d. and 21-32 respectively, and Anglo-American, Brakpan, and Springs were lower. Rhodesian Congo Border, Rhodesian Anglo-American, and Rhodesian Selection Trust declined. Tin developed fresh weakness after an early rally, and closed £1 3s. 9d. lower. The tin market, however, was surprisingly little affected, there being absorption of any good shares coming on offer. London Tin were again quoted at 1 1-32. Sulphide Corporation fell to 14s.

COMMONWEALTH BANK

PROPOSED CHANGE IN STATUS

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

MELBOURNE, MARCH 6

Mr. Theodore, the Federal Treasurer, announced at a pre-sessional meeting of Ministers that legislation was contemplated for enlarging the scope of the Commonwealth Bank and converting it into a central reserve bank. The proposed changes would also enable the bank to compete with the private trading banks. The Ministry had resisted a proposal to increase the note issue.

THE AUSTRALIAN INTERNAL LOAN

TO-MORROW'S CONVERSION CLOSURE

In connexion with the £10,000,000 loan now in process of conversion in Australia, the High Commissioner for Australia has been advised from Canberra that the offer to convert securities maturing on March 15 will be withdrawn after March 8.

This decision follows on the announcement by the Treasurer (Mr. Theodore) on Tuesday that no further cash subscriptions for this loan would be accepted after March 7, and that the offer to convert securities maturing on March 15 might be withdrawn on short notice at any time.

SUPPORT FOR THE RUBBER SCHEME

The Rubber Growers' Association has received a cablegram from Kuala Lumpur stating that the Planters' Association of Malaya have unanimously resolved strongly to urge the scheme for cessation of tapping in May, which, in their view, should not involve either temporary or permanent reduction of labour forces.

Over 40 rubber companies under the secretaryship of Harrisons and Crosfield, Limited, have announced their adherence to the scheme, as well as 29 companies domiciled at the offices of the Rubber Estates Agency and other smaller groups.

COMING BRISTOL LOAN

The Finance Committee of Bristol Corporation will submit a report to the City Council on Tuesday next asking for authority to issue stock to the amount of £2,518,256. It is proposed to issue this stock at an early date at 5 per cent.

The money is to be expended as follows :—Trading undertakings, £624,968; housing, £679,882; other objects, £511,212; repayment of redeemable stock, £702,193.

FORTHCOMING CAPITAL ISSUE

An issue of 107,640 shares of £1 each at par in SACKVILLE ESTATES, LIMITED, will, we are informed, be made next week. This company, previously known as The Sackville Estate Company, Manchester, Limited, has acquired the shares of Kendal-Sinclair Estates, Limited, a company owning properties in the City of London.

CONTINENTAL BOURSE QUOTATIONS

PARIS, March 6.—The following are closing quotations on the Bourse :—

3% Perpetual Rentes, 87.50 (previous closing, 87.55); 5% Rentes, 1915-16, 101.65 (101.50); 4% Rentes, 1917, 99.95 (99.75); 4% Rentes, 1918, 100.20 (100.15); 5% Rentes, 1920, 136.20 (136.15); 6% Rentes, 1920, 105.97 (105.90); 6% Rentes, 1927, 107.75 (107.80); 5% Credit National, 1919, 611 (610); 5% Credit National, 920, 557 (555); 6% Credit National, 1921, 557 (556); 6% Credit National, 1922 (1st), 523.50 (526); 6% Credit National, 1923, (1st), 557 (559); 6% Credit National, 1924, 570 (574); 4% Egyptian Unified, 379 (379); 5½% Italian Rentes, 88.75 (88.60); 4% Japanese, 1905, 492 (491.50); 6% Russian, 1906, 6.50 (6.50); 4½% Russian, 1909, 3.90 (3.90); 4% Turkish Unified, 63.10 (66); Banque de France, 25,150 (25,600); Banque de Paris, 2,985 (3,000); Banque Parisienne, 2,140 (2,190); Comptoir National d'Escompte 2,015 (2,025); Credit Foncier Egyptien, 3,770 (3,830); Credit Lyonnais, 3,180 (3,215); Banque d'Athens, 220 (—); Banque Ottomane, 1,176 (1,210); Suez Canal Shares, 19,900 (20,050); Chargeurs Reunis, 770 (757); Messageries Maritimes, 226 (227); Transatlantique, 1,115 x.d. (1,135); Kaffirette Sar, 1,960 (1,950); Sucreries d'Egypte, 905 (920); Wagons-Lits, 650 (650); Thomson Houston, 1,175 (1,215); Lautaro Nitrate, 355 (355); Ford of France, 195 (195); Rio Tinto, 5,325 (5,430); Thanis, 560 (567); De Beers Deferred, 1,185 (1,208); De Beers Preferred, 1,540 (1,564); Agencements Kodak, 246 (248); Central Mining, 2,230 (2,250); Chartered, 245 (245); Brakpan, 365 (370); Crown Mines, 393 (394); East Rand, 61 (61); Geduld, 407 (411); General Mining, 86 (87); Consolidated Goldfields, 246 (249); Johannesburg Consolidated, 269 x.d. (275); Randfontein Estate, 34 (34); Rand Mines, 360 (361); Tanganyika, 317 (318); Transvaal Consolidated, 157 (158); Union Corporation, 421 (424); Mexico Mines of El Oro, 54 (57); Mozambique, 74 (74); West Rand Mines Consolidated, 38 (35); Caoutchoucs, 200 (201); Eastern International, 140 (138); Gula Kahampar, 170 (170); Gula Lumpur, 236 (244); Malacca, 241 (232); Mexican Eagle, 143 (144); Royal Dutch, 39,400 (39,450); Shell Transport, 565 (564); Platine, 1,960 (1,960); Lisseroff, 46 (54); Ocean Consolidated, 15 (15.50). Exchange on New York, 25.55¾ (25.55¾); London, official average, 124.22 (124.24); Cheques, closing market rate, 124.22 (124.23). Private discount rate, 2¾ per cent. (2¾ per cent.); short money, 3 per cent. (3 per cent.).—*Reuter.*

AMSTERDAM, March 6.—Closing quotations :—6% Dutch, 1922, 103⅛ (previous, 103⅛); 5% Dutch, 102 (102⅛); 2½% Dutch, 65⅛ (65⅛); 3% Dutch, 77⅛ (77⅛); 4% Brazilian, 1889, — (49½); Peruvian, 11⅛ (11⅛); Rentes, 4% Cons. Fund, 52⅝ (53¼); Erie, 60 (60½); New York Ontario, 15 (15); United States Steel, 181 (183); Royal Dutch Petroleum, 385 (384½); Anaconda, 150 (152); Dell Batavia Rubber, 108 (111); Dell Batavia Tobacco, 405 (—); Amsterdam Rubber, 169 (171); Deliaratte Unie, 316 (308½); Philips Lamp, 463 (465). Exchange on Berlin, 59.52 (59.52½); London, 12.12⅛ (12.12⅜); New York, 2.49¼ (2.49½); Paris, 9.76 (9.76).

BERLIN, March 6.—Closing quotations :—Deutsche Erdoel, 101.50 (previous 102.75); Kali Industrie Kassel, 194.75 (192.75); Siemens, 357.50 (363.75); Rheinbraunkohlen, 235 (—); Rhein. Westfael Elekt, 175 (175).

Reuter's telegram contains the following closing quotations :—German Loan Liquidation Debt, 8.40 (previous, 8.60); Reichsbank, 285.40 (288); Berliner Handels Gesellschaft, 182.50 (183.50); Commerz und Privat Bank, 154.50 (156.25); Darmstadter and National Bank, 234 (237); Deutsche Bank and Disconto, 146.50 (147.50); Dresdner Bank, 147.75 (149); Gelsenkirchen Bergwerke, 137.75 (138.25); Harpener, 133.75 (135.75); Allgemeine Elekt., 161.75 (164.75); Farbenindustrie, 162.75 (165.50); Farbenindustrie, 6% Debs., 100.62 (101); Hamburg Amerika, 103.37 (108); Nordeutsche Lloyd, 106.75 (107.25); A.E.G., 109 (109.50); Verein Stahlwerke, 195.50 (—); Svenska Tandsticks, 330 (337); Polyphon, 275.50 (277); Siemens and Halske, 246.90 (253.10); Schuckert, 185.10 (188.75). Exchange on London, 20.38½ (20.38½); Paris, 16.39 (16.38½); Amsterdam, 167.98 (167.97); New York, 4.19⅛ (4.19⅛). Private discount rates :—Short term (30-55 days), 5¾% (5¾%); long term (65-90 days), 5¾% (5¾%). Call money, 6¼-8½% (7¼-9¾%).

VIENNA, March 6.—Closing quotations :—Car. Oest. Voelkerbundanl (Austrian Issue), 106.15 (previous 106.10); Donau-Save-Adria-Bahn, 10.60 (10.08); Oest. Nationalbank, 326 (329); Wiener Bankverein, 20.90 (21); Oest. Credit Anstalt, 51 (51); Oest. Credit Anstalt (new 1929), 47 (—); Ungar. Allg. Credit Bank, 94.50 (—); Niederoest Eskompte, 169.75 (169.75); Zivnostenska Banka, 106.25 (106.25); Donau-Dampfschiffahrts, 56.75 (58); A.E.G. Union Elekt, 27.25 (27.50); Oest. Brown Boveri, 169.75 (—); Oest. Siemens Schuckert, 185 (184.90); Salgo-Tarjaner-Steinkohlen, 56.85 (57.50); Ungar. Allg. Kohlen, 794 (800); Oest. Alpine Montan, 34 (34); Felten and Guilleaume, 57.80 (57.95). Exchange on Amsterdam, 294.72 (294.58); London, 25.50½ (34.50½); New York, 700 (700); Paris, 27.78½ (27.76½).—*Reuter.*

MILAN, March 6.—Closing quotations :—Exchange on London, 92.78 (previous, 92.77½); Consolidato 5%, 79.95 (79.97); Banca d'Italia, 2,020 (2,050); Banca Commerciale, 1,442 (1,445); Banco Nationale di Credito, 598 (598); Banco di Roma, 119 (117); Credito Italiano, 800½ (801); Cosulich Navigazione, 90 (90); Meridionali, 1,190 (1,190); Navigazione Generale, 484½ (484½); Cantoni Cres., 726 (725); Soie Chatillon, 191½ (193); Snia Viscosa, 56 (57¼); Ilva, 226 (226); Monte Amiata, 294½ (297); Montecatini, 256 (256½); Fiat, 372 (374); Adriatica, 252½ (254); Edison, 808 (809); Unione Esercizi Elettrici, 107½ (107); Perut, 408½ (410); Consorzio Mobiliare Finanziario, 311 (312); Adriatic, 312½ (315).

FEBRUARY MINING OUTPUTS

Company	Tonnage Crushed	Output	Profit
Assoc. Gold of W. Aust'a	4,830	£8,400	—
Ayer Hitam Tin	—	65½ tons	£5,300
Balaghat	2,500	2,150oz.	—
Blackwater Mines	2,925	45,375	£1,158
Frontino and Bolivia	1,710	42,070	—
Geevor Tin	4,019	46,300	—
Idris Hyd. Tin	—	28½ tons	£449
Indian Copper	—	1000 tons	—
Jos Tin	—	22½ tons	—
Kaduna Tinfields	—	20 tons	—

MONEY MARKET

FOUR PER CENT.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE HIGHER

The Bank Court yesterday reduced its minimum rate of discount from 4½ per cent. (to which figure it was reduced on February 6) to 4 per cent. Market discount rates had already fallen to so low a level that they underwent but slight readjustment, the brokers' buying rate for three months fine bank bills being generally 3 5-16 per cent. Moreover, at this level the market appeared steadier in tone than of late. A moderate Continental inquiry was reported at 3½ per cent. and at 3-9-32 per cent., while the market sold April bills at 3½ per cent., and May maturities at 3 5-16 per cent. In spite of the large expansion in market balances indicated by the Bank Return, money was still in keen demand, borrowers paying up to 4½ per cent. for fresh accommodation for the night. The continued scarcity was attributed to the transfer of taxes, and also to demands in connexion with the Stock Exchange Settlement. Money became easier towards the close, the rate declining to 3½ per cent. For renewing old loans from lenders other than the clearing banks 3½ per cent. was the general charge, but 3 per cent. became the usual rate for regular clearing bank money. In spite of the lower Bank rate some of the leading foreign exchanges moved in favour of sterling. The New York exchange was influenced by expectations of a reduction in the New York rediscount rate and closed 3-32c. higher at $4.86 3-32. The Swiss rate, however, continued to move against London.

The Bank rate is 4 per cent., to which it was reduced from 4½ per cent. on March 6. The banks' deposit rate is 2 per cent., and the deposit rates of the discount houses are 2 per cent. at call and 2¼ per cent. at notice.

Loans (per Cent.).		Discount (Bank Bills) (per Cent.).				
Day to day.	For short dat.	60 days.	2 months.	4 months.	6 months.	
3-4½	3½	3½	3 5/16	3⅜	3½	
Discount (Treasury Bills).		(Fine Trade Bills)				
2 Mths.	3 Mths.	3 months.	4 months.	6 months.		
⅞	15/16	15/16	1	1		
15/16	15/16	4—4⅛	4⅛—4¼	4¼—5		

SWEDISH BANK RATE REDUCTION

The National Bank of Sweden has reduced its rate of discount from 4½ to 4 per cent.—*Reuter.*

DANISH RATE REDUCED

The National Bank of Denmark will reduce its rate of discount to-day from 5 to 4½ per cent.—*Reuter.*

BANK OF NETHERLANDS

The Bank of the Netherlands is to-day reducing its rate of discount from 4 per cent. to 3½ per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

So far from declining on the announcement of a reduction in Bank rate the New York exchange rose on local sales of dollars: New York supported sterling in the afternoon, and the rate further advanced, closing at $4.86 5-32, a rise of 2-32c. Canadian dollars appreciated, the Montreal rate being finally $4.88 1-16, compared with $4.88½. French and Belgian rates were unaltered, but the Italian rate moved in favour of sterling, closing 2c. higher at 92.81. There was again a demand for Swiss francs, the Zurich rate being 25.14½f., compared with 25.15½f. A strong recovery took place in pesetas, and although not closing up to 4½ per cent. for fresh accommodation for the night. The continued scarcity was attributed to the transfer of taxes, and also to demands in connexion with the Stock Exchange Settlement. Money became easier towards the close, the rate declining to 3½ per cent. For renewing old loans from lenders other than the clearing banks 3½ per cent. was the general charge, but 3 per cent. became the usual rate for regular clearing bank money. In spite of the lower Bank rate some of the leading foreign exchanges moved in favour of sterling. The New York exchange was influenced by expectations of a reduction in the New York rediscount rate and closed 3-32c. higher at $4.86 3-32. The Swiss rate, however, continued to move against London.

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closed at 2s. 0 11/32d. Among the South American exchanges a sharp rise to 23 7/32d. occurred in the Rio exchange. The Buenos Aires rate was rather lower at 42 3/16d.

The following table gives the range of telegraphic exchange quotations within which business was reported yesterday:—

Place	Method of Quoting	Par of Exch'ge	March 6	March 5
New York	8 to £	4.86⅔	4.85 31/32—86 1/32	4.85 15/16—86 1/32
Montreal	8 to £	4.86⅔	4.86 1/16—86⅛	4.86 1/16—86⅛
Paris	Fr. to £	124.21	124.19-124.24	124.20-124.26
Brussels	Bel. to £	35.00	34.88½-89	34.88½-89¼
Milan	Lire to £	92.46	92.78-92.82	92.76-92.81
Zurich	Fr. to £	25.2215	25.14-25.15½	25.15½-16⅛
Athens	Dr. to £	375	3747/8-3751/4	3747/8-3751/4
Heistingfors	M. to £	192.22	193.10-193.35	193.10-193.35
Madrid	Pts. to £	25.2215	39.55-41.65	41.10-42.00
Lisbon	Escu. to £	—	108⅝-108⅞	108⅝-108⅞
Amsterd'm	Fl. to £	12.107	12.11 1/32-12⅛	12.12-12.12⅜
Berlin	M. to £	20.43	20.36-20.37	20.36⅛-37¼
Vienna	Sch. to £	34.58⅓	34.49-34.53	34.49-34.53
Budapest	Pen. to £	27.82	27.79-27.83	27.79-27.83
Prague	Kr. to £	164.25	164-164⅓	27.79-27.85
Warsaw	Zloty to£	43.38	43.32-43.38	164-164⅓
Riga	Lats to £	25.2215	25.20-25.30	43.32-43.37
Bucharest	Lei to £	813.6	817-820	25.20-25.30
Const'ple	Pst. to £	110	1,080-1,120	817-819
Belgrade	Din. to £	25.2215	275½-276	1,080-1,120
Kovno	Lit. to £	48.66	48¼-49	275½-276
Reiks	Lev. to £	673.650	666-670	48¼-49
Iceval	E. Kr.to£	18.150	18.17-18.25	666-673
Oslo	Kr. to £	18.159	18.16¾-17⅛	18.17-18.25
Stockholm	Kr. to £	18.159	18.10¾-18.12	18.16¾-17⅛
Copenh'g'n	Kr. to £	18.159	18.16¾-18.17	18.10¾-18.12
Alexandria	Pst. to £	97½	97 15/16-98	18.16¾-18.17
Bombay	Per rup.	18d.	1/5 1-1/5 1/16	97 15/16-98
Calcutta	Per rup.	18d.	1/5 1-1/5 1/16	1/5 31/32-5 33/32
Madras	Per rup	18d.	1/5 1-1/5 1/16	1/5 31/32-5 33/32
Hong-kong	Per dol.	—	1/5 7-1/5 9/32	1/5 31/32-5 33/32
Kobe	Per yen	24.58d.	1/5 1-1/6 1/32	1/5 31/32-5 33/32
Shanghai	Per tael	2/4	2/6 1/32-2/6 1/16	2/6 1/32-2/6 1/16
Singapore	Per dol.	2/4	2/3 1/16-2/3 1/8	2/6 1/32-2/6 1/16
Batavia	Fl. to £	12.107	2/3 1/32-2/3 1/16	1/10-1/11⅛
Manila	Per dol.	24.06d.	12.11-12⅛	2/3 1/32-2/3 1/16
M. del Jan.	Per mil.	5.899d.	2/6⅛	12.11⅝-12⅞
B. Aires	Per dol.	47.577d	5/8-5/11⅛	2/6⅛
Valpar'iso	8 to £	40	42⅛-42¼	5/13-5/19
M'video	Per dol.	39.82	39.81	42⅛-42⅜
China	2s to 2/	Par	43⅛-44⅛	39.81
Mexico	Pesos tod	9.76	27 1/16 prem	43⅛-44
† 90 days.	‡ Based on legal stabilization at $2.90-3.03 to 100kr.		10.15-10.35	27 1/16 prem
			‡ Nominal.	10.15-10.30

EMPIRE EXCHANGE RATES

BUYING RATES PER £100

—	Demand	30 days' sight	60 days' sight	90 days' sight
On:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Australia	96 0 0	95 8 0	94 17 6	94 6 6
New Zealand	96 0 0	95 8 0	94 17 6	94 6 6
Africa & Rhodesia	98 15 0	98 2 6	97 10 0	96 17 6

SELLING RATES

—	Cable Transfers	Demand
On:—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Australia	97 10 0	97 2 6
New Zealand	97 10 0	97 2 6
South Africa	99 15 0	99 12 6
Rhodesia	99 16 3	99 15 9

SOUTH AMERICAN EXCHANGE RATES

Country	—	Par	Latest rate sight	Previous rate sight
Ecuador	Sucres to £	24.3333	24.80	24.70
Venezuela	Bolivares to £	25.22	25.50	25.55
(Bogota)	Pesos to £	5.00	5.06	5.04
Nicaragua	Cordobas to £	4.87	4.92	4.92
Salvador	Colones to £	9.73	9.87	9.93
Bolivia	Pence to Boliviano	18d.	18d.†	18d.
† 90 days.				

The Bank of England yesterday announced the receipt of £30,817 in SOVEREIGNS from abroad.

Arrivals	£	Withdrawals	£
March 6—Sovs.	30,817	March 6	Nil
		Influx	30,817
Total	£30,817	Total	£30,817

Net influx for 1930 to date, £5,295,193; net efflux for 1929 (according to the published movements of gold), £8,228,489. Since April 29, 1925, there has been a reduction in the gold holding of the Bank of England of £3,451,866.

In the bullion market about £30,000 of West African gold was available. Only a portion of it was disposed of, and the price of gold was lowered 1d. to 84s. 10½d. per oz.

Silver was 3-16d. lower for cash at 18½d. per oz., but the forward quotation was unchanged at 18 9-16d. India turned a seller for near delivery, while China bought forward.

INDIAN PAPER CURRENCY RESERVE

—	Feb. 28	Feb. 22
	Lakhs of Rs.	Lakhs of Rs.
Note circulation	18,160	18,115
The reserve against it was held in		
the following form:—		
Silver coin and bullion in India	16,751	16,722
Gold coin and bullion in India	3,227	3,227
Securities (Govt. of India)	3,588	3,872
Ditto (British Govt.)	294	294
Total	18,160	18,115

The Bank Return will be found on page 26

BARCLAYS BANK (DOMINION, COLONIAL AND OVERSEAS)

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LIMITED.
(Incorporated in the Union of South Africa.)

Extracted from the Annual Report for the Year ended 31st December, 1929.

Issued Capital:
£700,000 in 2,800,000 Shares of 5s. each.

DIRECTORATE.

A. W. ROGERS — J. MARTIN (Chairman). — J. L. JOURDAN
P. M. ANDERSON — W. H. A. LAWRENCE — A. F. MULLINS
— V. RALEIGH —

Tonnage Milled, 836,000

		Per ton milled.
Total Working Revenue	£1,294,618 8 5	£1 11 0
Total Working Costs	720,054 19 1	0 17 3
Working Profit	£574,563 7 4	£0 13 9
Total Profit for the year		£607,624 16 10
Balance unappropriated at 31st December, 1928		355,050 8 8
Profits Diviien in Account		365 7 11
Capital Account:—For profits previously appropriated, being credits on Claim Property Account (£32,449 13s. 1d.), and Equipment Account (£457 17s. 6d.)		32,907 10 7
This amount has been dealt with as follows:—		£996,948 4 0
Miners' Phthisis—Provision on account of Outstanding Liability as at 31st July, 1929	£18,240 0 0	
Government and Provincial Taxes	81,768 19 11	
Dividends declared during the year:—Nos. 34 and 35 of 40 per cent. each	560,000 0 0	
		660,008 19 11
Leaving a balance unappropriated of		£336,939 4 1

The Ore Reserve has been re-estimated and is as follows:—

Available in	Tons.	Value. Dwts.	Stope Width. Inches.
Shaft and safety pillars, etc.	1,445,400	7.34	51.6
	74,600	8.21	58.3
Total	1,520,000	7.39	51.7

The full Report and Accounts (with Plan of Workings) may be obtained from the London Secretaries, A. MOIR AND CO., No. 1, London-wall Buildings, E.C.2.

COMPANY RESULTS

MAYPOLE DAIRY REPORT

D. NAPIER AND SON BONUS

The dividends shown in the following table are those announced on the Ordinary capitals (unless otherwise indicated) of the companies mentioned, and are the actual rates being paid (as distinct from the rates per annum):—

Company	Div.	Corresp. prdc. div.	Date payable	Total for year	Prev. year
	%	%		%	%
Amal. Zinc (De Bavay's)	Fin. 4	Same	Apr. 10	8	Same
North E. of Uruguay Ry.	Int. 3½	—	—	—	—
Guaranty Trust of N.Y.	Qtrly. 5	4	F'bruth	—	—
Jonas and Higgins	Fin. 9 & Bonus 5	9 & Bonus 5¼	—	17½	16¼
Khuia Kangsar Plants, etc. (Lambert Bros.)	Int. 5	Nil	—	4	Nil
Mambau (F.M.S.) Rubber	Int. 5	Same	Apr. 11	4	Nil
Tebo Consretn. and Maint'nce	Int. 4†	Same	Mar. 14	—	—
TrustLand Agency of Australasia	Fin. 7½ Fin.10* & Bonus 5*	Same	—	10*	Same
Smedley's Hydro. Matlock	Int. 6¼	Same	—	20*	Same

* Tax free. † On Eight per Cent. Cumulative Participating Preference shares. A year ago an interim dividend of 4 per cent. was paid on the Ordinary shares.

Olives Paper Mill (Bury).—Net deficit, £2,936. This has been written off out of reserve, which now totals £15,176.

Camp Bird.—Interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum will be paid on March 31 in respect of the period October 10 to March 31, 1930—namely, £3 6s. per cent.—to holders of debentures registered on March 15.

St. John del Rey Mining.—Dividends, payable on May 2, of 1s. per share, free of tax, on the Preference shares, making 10 per cent. for the year, and 1s. 6d. per share, less tax, on the Ordinary shares, making 10 per cent. for the year.

Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers.—After providing for sinking funds and for depreciation reserves £253,000 as last year, it is proposed to pay a final dividend of 10 per cent., on the Ordinary shares in respect of the year ended December 31, making 15 per cent. for the year. The distribution for 1928 was the same.

British Insulated Cables.—Final dividend for 1929 of 10 per cent. on the Ordinary shares, making 15 per cent. for the year. The sum of £298,333 is set aside for reserve and depreciation, and £280,000 is carried forward. A dividend equalization account of £300,000 has been created out of specific provisions previously set aside but now no longer required. For 1928 the Ordinary shares received a total cash dividend of 15 per cent., and in addition a capital bonus of 25 per cent. was made in Ordinary shares and a capital bonus of 37½ per cent. in "A" Five-and-a-Half per Cent. Preference shares. The sum of £299,966 was placed to reserve account. The balance carried forward was £250,089.

MANCHESTER ROYAL EXCHANGE

The net profit of the Manchester Royal Exchange for the year ended February 28 amounted to £40,919 (against £44,540 for 1928-29). The directors recommend a dividend of 8 per cent. for the fifty-first year, absorbing £15,200, the carry-forward being reduced from £122,906 to £112,625. Meeting, March 14.

CANADIAN WESTERN NATURAL GAS, LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER

The profit of the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat, and Power Company for 1929 amounted to $651,043 (against $627,943 for 1928). Dividends absorb $486,331 and the undivided balance is increased from $238,813 to $403,525. The dividend on the Common shares is at the usual rate of 4 per cent. Sales of gas totalled 6,613,579,000 cubic feet.

LIVERPOOL EXCHANGE

The net profit of the Liverpool Exchange Company for 1929 amounted to £26,054 (against £30,680 for 1928). With the final payment of 2½ per cent. now proposed the total dividend for the year is 5 per cent. (the same), absorbing £20,000. It is also proposed to place £600 (the same) to the repairs fund and £5,720 to cost of site and buildings, reducing the amount of that account to £400,000. Meeting, March 19.

HOLT BREWERY

The accounts of the Holt Brewery Company for 1929 show a profit of £126,437 (against £134,667 for 1928), subject to Debenture interest (£39,005, against £38,618) and directors' fees. The Preference dividend absorbs £23,493. As previously announced, the dividend for the year on the Ordinary shares is again 8½ per cent., while the allocations to reserve fund and superannuation fund are unchanged at £10,000 and £500 respectively. The carry-forward is £52,866 (against £52,464). Meeting, March 13.

R.M.C. TEXTILES (1928)

A net profit of £32,756 is reported by R.M.C. Textiles (1928) for the year 1929 (against £23,669 for the preceding accounting period of 12 months), to which is added £4,919 brought forward. A final dividend of 6 per cent. is now proposed, making 10 per cent. for the year (against 13½ per cent.), and, after placing £5,000 to general reserve and £2,000 (against nil) to reserve for bad and doubtful debts, a balance of £5,675 is carried forward. It is proposed to increase the capital to £400,000 by the creation of 200,000 additional Ordinary shares of 5s. each and 100,000 Eight per Cent. Cumulative Preference shares of £1 each. Meeting, March 14.

D. NAPIER AND SON

The directors of D. Napier and Son, Limited, announce that their annual report, which will be issued shortly, will show (subject to audit) that the net profits for the year ended September 30, 1929, amounted to £195,329, which compares with £167,433 for 1927-28. They have decided to recommend that a final dividend of 2s. per share (less income-tax) be paid on the Ordinary shares, making 3s. per 5s. share for the year. For 1927-28 the dividend was 3s. per £1 share. It is also proposed that a portion of the undivided profits be capitalised and applied in paying up in full Ordinary shares to be issued to the Ordinary shareholders registered on March 23, in the proportion of three new Ordinary shares for each Ordinary share then held.

ROSE DEEP

Compared with 1928 the tonnage crushed by Rose Deep in 1929 increased by 38,700 tons to 360,100 tons, the revenue per ton was unchanged at 17s. 9d., and profit of £36,115 is shown (against £29,376). No dividend has been declared for the year (against 2½ per cent.). A sum of £26,512 (against £13,401) is deducted for net expenditure on capital account, and a provision of £15,180 (against £7,320) is made on account of outstanding liability under miners' phthisis Act, the carry-forward being reduced from £94,572 to £90,374. The available ore reserve shows an increase on the year from 652,300 tons to 714,900 tons, with an increase of 0.2dwt. to 4.8dwt. per ton in the average value. Meeting May 2, in Johannesburg.

ERICSSON TELEPHONES

The net profits of Ericsson Telephones for 1929 amounted to £64,087 (against £31,011 for 1928). The report states that most departments have shown an improvement, in addition to which the company has extended the range of its productions. A dividend of 3 per cent. free of tax, is proposed on the Ordinary shares (against 5 per cent., less tax), and allocations are to be made of £20,000 to general reserve (against £5,000), and £5,000 to special reserve (against nil), while the carry-forward is increased from £18,235 to £19,322. During the year the staff was engaged upon the development of the totalisator equipment for use on racecourses. An entirely automatic system has been evolved, and it is stated that substantial contracts have been received from the Racecourse Betting Control Board. Meeting, March 19.

EASTERN BANK

The net profits of the Eastern Bank for 1929 amounted to £123,523 (against £134,118 for 1928). The dividend for the year is maintained at 9 per cent., and the allocation to reserve is increased from £25,000 to £30,000. No amount is this year written off premises account (against £5,000), but the carry-forward is increased from £44,470 to £47,991. The balance-sheet shows current and deposit accounts at £6,258,252 (against £6,170,059), acceptances at £1,175,080 (against £907,562), and loans payable against bills and securities at £1,625,000 (against £2,963,148). The main asset items compare as follows:—Cash, £1,272,491 (against £1,483,485); investments, £2,852,230 (against £2,797,407); bills receivable, £1,688,126 (against £1,605,919); and loans, receivable and advances, £3,993,521 (against £3,609,821). The total of the balance-sheet is £11,238,795 (against £11,601,892). Meeting, March 19.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH INVESTORS

The first accounts of English and Scottish Investors, Limited, for the period from February 8, 1929, the date of formation, to January 31, 1930, show a net revenue, after using £764 towards writing off preliminary expenses, of £17,623. The company's share capital of £250,000 was converted at July 31, 1929, into £450,000 of Five per Cent. Preference stock and £300,000 of Ordinary stock. The Preference dividend for the half-year ended January 31 takes £9,094, and it is proposed to pay a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum (against nil) to general reserve and £2,000 (against £2

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SIR EDGAR HORNE'S SPEECH

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, was held yesterday at the Chief Office, Holborn Bars, London.

SIR EDGAR HORNE, Bt., the Chairman of the company, presided.

The SECRETARY (Sir George May, K.B.E.) having read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report,

The CHAIRMAN, who was received with applause, said:—Ladies and Gentlemen,—Since our last annual meeting we have lost, by the death of Daniel Wintringham Stable on March 16 last, the services of an old and valued colleague. He became solicitor to the company in 1883, secretary in 1900, and was elected to a seat on your board of directors in 1915, where his professional qualifications and knowledge were of great value to the company. In other directions his social activities were many, and by his death his associates have lost the society of a charming and accomplished gentleman and the company an esteemed and valued director.

In the report of your directors for the 81st year of the company's existence you have once again a record of continued progress in every branch of the company's business.

GENERAL BRANCH

In the General Branch the combined premium income for 1929 from all sections other than Marine was £1,611,455, that is £225,325 more than for the year 1928.

In common with the general experience our fire losses have been heavier than in recent years, the combined loss ratio for the Fire, Accident, Employers' Liability and Miscellaneous classes being 50.6 per cent. of the premium income during 1929, as compared with 47.5 per cent. for 1928, thus showing an increase of 3.3 per cent.; since, however, the proportion of premium income absorbed in expenses fell by 0.8 per cent.—i.e., 40.6 per cent. for 1929, as against 41.4 per cent. for 1928, the total outgoings show a net increase of only 2.5 per cent.

MARINE BUSINESS

Last year I dealt with the new arrangements which we had made for the underwriting of marine risks as from January 1, 1929. In pursuance of our agreement with him, Mr. G. Garfield Sharman has written on our behalf a restricted amount of such business, the premiums received being £58,379 and the claims amounting to £12,522.

Although our agreement with the Royal Exchange Assurance in respect of this class of business terminated on December 31, 1928, they had necessarily to accept during 1928 a number of risks commencing during 1929, and for which premiums amounting to £175,673 were paid in that year. The total marine premiums received during 1929 thus amounted to £234,054, whilst the total claims were £417,091. The fund at the end of the year was £801,059.

Unhealthy conditions persist in the marine market, and we still adhere to the policy of restricting the amount of marine business written for us, but we believe that in due course this section of our business will make its contribution to the profits of the company.

ORDINARY BRANCH

In the Ordinary Branch the sums assured under new policies issued during 1929 amounted to £17,606,949, producing a new annual premium income of £1,091,089 in addition to single premiums amounting to £1,049,769.

The total amount of premiums received in this branch for the year was £11,713,684—that is, £65,163 less than the corresponding figure for 1928, but as the single premiums received were less by £97,041, the income from premiums other than single premiums increased by £31,878.

In this branch the number of policies in force is 1,054,138, securing sums assured and accrued bonuses to an aggregate amount of £137,547,449, or approximately one-eighth of the total ordinary life business in force in the British Isles.

Group schemes of death benefits and of pensions are being viewed with increasing favour by employers, and the Prudential is taking its part in meeting and stimulating the demand for them.

INADEQUATE ASSURANCE PER HEAD OF THE POPULATION

The average amount of life assurance per head of the population is still far too small, a very large proportion having most inadequate protection and a great number none whatever. This neglect appears to be even more marked amongst those classes of the community which enjoy relatively large incomes, and to which ordinary rather than industrial assurance is applicable. The duty of every married man to make suitable provision for his wife and to ensure that his children enjoy the security of a good education and a fair start in the battle of life seems to be lost sight of, and I wonder sometimes if wives and mothers appreciate their position and dependency.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH

In the Industrial Branch the total payments to our policyholders amounted to some £12,500,000; in addition, the reserves which we hold to ensure the due payment of claims in the future arising under our existing policies were increased by about £4,000,000, so that during the year approximately £16,500,000 has been paid to, or set aside for, the use of our policyholders in this branch.

The premium income for the year was £17,385,175, an increase of nearly £250,000 over that for 1928.

In this branch we have now more than 35,000,000 of policies in force securing maximum sums assured with accrued bonus amounting to over £470,000,000, but although these figures show that a proportion of the industrial population realise the duty of providing for their dependents, the amount of the provision is only a small fraction of that required.

The mortality, more particularly during the first quarter, was exceptionally heavy, and had the effect of increasing the death claims paid by the company by nearly £1,000,000 in excess of those paid in 1928.

The average duration of the whole-life premium-paying policies in force in this branch is 18 years, which must be a rather surprising fact to those whose impression of industrial policies is that they are invariably lapsed after payment of premiums for a short period only. Circumstances compel holders to lapse their policies in some cases, but we safeguard their interests so far as possible by granting free policies after one year's premiums have been paid.

THE INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE ACT

In this connexion I may refer to the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Act, 1929, which affects us mainly with regard to certain endowment policies issued on the lives of children under age 10. Under the provisions of this Act, cash surrender values are granted after payment of one year's premiums, and this provision is extended to policies lapsed after December 31, 1923, provided application is made before May 10, 1930. Should there be any of our policyholders who have lapsed policies to which the Act applies and who have not yet claimed their surrender values, they should do so without delay. To those whose policies are in force, and they form the great bulk, I would point out that they will be acting in their own best interest by maintaining them until maturity, and so obtaining the large bonuses which are being given under our profit-sharing scheme.

APPROVED SOCIETIES

The four Prudential Approved Societies operating in Great Britain and Northern Ireland during the year 1929 paid to or on behalf of their members benefits under the National Health Insurance Acts amounting approximately to £5,198,600, making a total of over £48,982,000 since the inception of National Health Insurance in July, 1912.

Included in the amount paid during the year is a sum of £556,873 expended on treatment benefits granted as a result of the surpluses disclosed at the valuations of the societies. Of that sum £358,691 was spent on dental treatment and dentures. Other treatment benefits provided for members were hospital, convalescent home, ophthalmic, nursing treatment, and the provision of medical and surgical appliances where necessary.

By the distribution of these sums in this way we feel that our societies are not merely assisting in the administration of insurance against loss of health, but that they are taking a large and important part in the prevention and cure of sickness.

SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR—DISTRIBUTION

As a result of the valuation of the company's assets and liabilities in the respective branches the surplus that has emerged is in total £9,742,691, made up as follows:—

Industrial Branch	£6,015,991
Ordinary Branch	£3,457,192
General Branch	£269,508

In accordance with our Articles of Association, these amounts have been dealt with as follows:—

Description	General Branch	Ordinary Branch	Industrial Branch
	£	£	£
Allocated as bonus to participating policyholders ..	—	2,477,808	3,516,062
Transferred to Profit and Loss Account for dividend and bonus to holders of "A" shares issued before 21st November, 1929	18,867	273,671	451,529
Transferred to Profit and Loss Account for dividend to "B" shareholders ..	50,000	—	—
Bonus to members of outdoor staff ..	—	—	528,407
Total surplus distributed ..	68,867	2,751,279	4,496,088
Investment Reserve Fund ..	—	500,000	500,000
The Common Contingency Fund ..	—	—	250,000
The Special Contingency Fund ..	—	—	488,339
Additional Reserves ..	94,806	—	—
Total to Reserves ..	94,806	500,000	1,238,339
Transferred to Profit and Loss Account for Income Tax ..	87,000	—	—
Carried forward ..	50,946	205,913	281,570
Grand Total ..	269,508	3,457,192	6,015,991

SHAREHOLDERS' PARTICIPATION

The dividend and bonus to holders of "A" shares are the same as declared last year, but, in accordance with the terms of issue, the new "A" shares do not participate in our profits until next year.

The dividend on the "B" shares is also at the same rate as last year and you will remember that your board thought it proper to warn you then that a rapid increase in the rate was not to be expected.

POLICYHOLDERS' BONUSES

In both the industrial and ordinary branches the same rates of reversionary bonuses have been declared for 1929 as for 1928, that is to say in the industrial branch a rate of £1 14s. per cent. of the sum assured by all participating policies issued since January 1, 1923, whilst in the ordinary branch £2 10s. per cent. has been added to the sum assured under whole life policies and £2 6s. per cent. in the case of endowment assurances. In the industrial branch the bonuses on policies issued before 1923 range from 11 per cent. to 70 per cent. according to duration, and the period for which these rates have been guaranteed is increased from 14 years to 15 years except in respect of policies issued in the Irish Free State, where the guarantee is for one year only. Cash surplus to a total amount of more than £19,000,000 has been allocated to our industrial branch policies since the inception of our profit-sharing scheme.

EXPENSE RATIO

The expense ratio has been continuously reduced from 40.5 per cent. in 1920 to 34.79 per cent. in 1929. This, together with the increased rate of interest and the modification in the basis of assessment for income-tax in the industrial branch, has enabled us to give to policyholders in this branch increased benefits, the extent of which is illustrated by the following table (appearing at foot of column), which also shows the amounts distributed to the shareholders from the industrial branch.

This shows how the increasing prosperity of the company has been devoted for the most part to increasing the benefits granted to our policyholders. It is not unfair to compare these results with those that are being obtained by the remaining policyholders in the Post Office Life Assurance Scheme, who will not in any circumstances share in profits even if any are made. You will remember that the Post Office ceased to transact new business last year. We offered to take over all the existing policies and to give the policyholders all the benefits to which they were entitled and in addition bonuses similar to those which Prudential policyholders receive; our offer was not accepted, but is still open.

Year	Sum Assured at Age 11 for a Weekly Premium of 1d.	Net Amount to Shareholders from the Industrial Branch	Cash Allocated to Policyholders	Rate of Reversionary Bonus Declared	Free Policies Granted
	£ s.	£	£		
1920	10 5	318,083	Nil	— —	After 5 years' premiums paid
1921	10 5	441,303	200,000	— —	Do. do. do.
1922	10 5	488,562	500,000	— —	Do. do. do.
1923	12 0	501,526	906,980	£1 5s. vesting after 15 years	Do. do. do.
1924	14 10	616,930	1,719,230	£1 10 do. 15 ,,	Do. do. do.
1925	14 12	647,282	2,097,727	£1 10 do. 10 ,,	Do. do. do.
1926	14 12	625,448	2,500,000	£1 10 do. 5 ,,	After 2 years' do.
1927	14 12	664,689	2,916,667	£1 12 do. 5 ,,	Do. do. do.
1928	14 12	663,632	3,265,306	£1 14 vesting immediately	After 1 year's do.
1929	14 12	651,529	3,516,062	£1 14 do. do.	Do. do. do.

Bonuses on Claims on Policies issued before 1st January, 1923, have been paid at rates varying from 24 per cent. to 70 per cent.

INVESTMENTS

The past year has been a most eventful one in the investment world. During the early months boom conditions continued, but with the approach of the General Election, the rise in prices was checked and it was not long before market values in practically every section became adversely affected. The downward movement was accentuated firstly by the Hatry sensation and later by the American crash, which occurred just after the raising of our Bank rate to 6½ per cent., the highest figure for about eight years. These happenings naturally had far-reaching effects and exercised a most depressing influence on all markets generally, and one from which they have not yet recovered. The experiences of 1929 have shown how essential it is to pursue a conservative course in the distribution of profits and the necessity for building up ample reserves to provide for such catastrophes as those we have recently witnessed.

In this connexion I think we can congratulate ourselves on what I may call our post-War policy. We have been subject to a certain amount of criticism occasionally for building up our reserves as we did, but the present situation completely justifies the lines on which your directors have acted. Estimates have been made by various authorities as to the average fall in market prices during the year 1929, and we are satisfied that our depreciation is, in any case, below the average of insurance companies. You will, however, by reference to our total funds, realise what a tremendous strain we have undergone. It gives me much pleasure therefore to be able to assure you that there is still a satisfactory margin between the market value and book value of our investments without recourse to the reserve funds, as shown in the balance-sheet. (Hear, hear.)

CLASSIFICATION OF SECURITIES

It is customary at our annual meeting to comment on the distribution of our investments, and I may point out therefore that our funds are now held as follows:—

United Kingdom, 68 per cent.
India and the Colonies, 10 per cent.
Foreign countries, 22 per cent.

Dealing with our Stock Exchange securities only, the percentages are as follows:—

Government and Municipal, 54 per cent.
Debentures and Bonds, 20 per cent.
Guaranteed and Preference Stocks, 10 per cent.
Ordinary Stocks and Shares, 16 per cent.

With conditions such as we have had there has been no difficulty in obtaining a remunerative rate of interest on our surplus funds, which have been invested during the year to give a gross return of approximately 6½ per cent. (Hear, hear.)

INTEREST RATES

A year or so ago, in discussing the net yield shown on our ordinary branch and industrial branch life funds, I suggested that there were signs that they were approaching a "peak," and further increases could not therefore be indefinitely relied upon. While still holding this view, it is satisfactory to know that the rates have once more improved, the figures now being:—

Ordinary branch, £4 19s. 11d. per cent., an increase of 3s.

Industrial branch, £5 9s. 11d. per cent., an increase of 2s. 4d.

It has more than once been pointed out that these percentages do not represent the rates at which our funds have been invested, but are the net yields based on the actual assurance funds, and are the measure of the surplus interest earned when compared with the valuation rate of 3 per cent.

You will see from the company's accounts that effect has been given to the alterations rendered necessary by the Companies Act, 1929.

GENERAL SURVEY

It will be seen from the figures for the year 1929 that the Prudential continues to progress although the general economic conditions of the country have not yet shown that improvement for which we have for some time been hoping. We believe that such improvement will eventually take place, but precedent to its accomplishment a new spirit of confidence and enterprise in the country must arise. The revival of industry requires a very large outlay of capital which will not be forthcoming until the present uncertainty as to the course of future legislation is removed.

The insurance industry in this country, during a time of very great difficulty, has been one of the few which have shown continuous growth, and it is recognized as an absolutely safe avenue for the investment of savings. To mention this fact may seem unnecessary, but it is generally overlooked that conditions have been very different over a great part of Europe. The more thrifty of the population who had sought the protection of life assurance had the mortification of seeing their life cover practically disappear owing to depreciation of currencies. Over a large portion of the Continent the result has been a loss of faith in the security offered by life assurance, and, although currencies have now for some time been more stable, confidence is but slowly being re-established. With such recent and bitter experience before them, those who want to assure their lives are naturally looking for proper safeguards that their savings shall not again be reduced in value and the security afforded by British insurance companies is eagerly sought.

DEVELOPMENTS ABROAD

In our own Colonies and Dominions conditions are different; life assurance there, as here, has the highest reputation for soundness and financial security, and we may expect in the next few years a much greater relative increase in population and wealth than is probable in this country.

It was with these considerations in view that your directors obtained in November last your authority to increase the capital of the company in order that the life business of the Prudential may be developed abroad as opportunity offers. As you know, we had previously started business in India, and I am happy to say that our activities there have developed favourably, the volume and quality of the business exceeding our expectations. In addition, steps are being taken to start life business in Canada, where we have for some years had an office for the transaction of fire business. The question of the best procedure to adopt with regard to developing our business on the Continent is also receiving our careful consideration, and in due course we hope to see valuable connexions established there.

In thus broadening the basis of our operations for the future there is no suggestion that ample scope does not exist for further development at home; we shall continue to exert every endeavour in that direction, and I am confident that the Prudential will in the future, as in the past, lead the way among British life offices.

LIFE ASSURANCE AND DEATH DUTIES

Although the attitude of Somerset House is not encouraging, I should like once more to put forward the view that it would be very much in the interests of the country, and also, I think, of the Treasury itself, if they would agree that life assurances earmarked for the purpose of paying death duties were not added to the aggregate of the estate so far as they were employed for that particular purpose. (Hear, hear.) An enormous encouragement to make suitable provision would be given in all those cases where the partition of estates or the sale of works of art would otherwise be inevitable. The celerity with which estates could be wound up and the economy both to the Treasury and the successors would be considerable, while the very large additional income which insurance companies thus secured would enable them to supply still greater assistance in promoting the prosperity of the State.

Such a step would remove the only valid objection to an ideal method of turning what is now a capital tax into a charge on revenue by the payment of periodic premiums under the policy. In suggesting an alleviation of the effects of a tax on capital such as death duties, it is interesting to note the words of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said in a recent speech that the country must pay its way, but that he would not use capital to meet current and recurrent expenses.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOSPITALS

You will be interested to know that the scheme which we inaugurated some years ago for assisting the voluntary hospitals of the country by annual subscriptions for the support of beds and cots to be named after the company has proved a great success, and has met with ready and general acceptance by hospitals both in London and the provinces.

At the present time 404 hospitals have taken advantage of the offers we have made to them. The name of the Prudential appears over 268 beds and 425 cots, and the number is being added to week by week.

POLICY OF GIVING INCREASED BENEFITS

I have shown you that in the past the Prudential has always increased the benefits it gives to its policy-holders as and when opportunity occurred. It is our intention still to pursue that policy, and in addition to continue to improve our organization, and so to extend the scope of our activities that all connected with the company—whether as policyholders, members of the staff, or shareholders—may have additional reasons to be satisfied with their interest in the Prudential. (Cheers.)

I now beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mr. FREDERICK SCHOOLING, F.I.A. (deputy chairman), said:—In rising to second the adoption of the report I should like to call your attention to a few of the figures that it contains. It will be seen from the Industrial Branch revenue account that the claims by death amounted to £5,529,005; in 1910 the death claims paid were £2,529,201. The increased outgo under this head has thus been substantial, but not more so than would be expected considering the growth of the company. A striking feature, however, is the amount paid in matured endowments. During 1929 these amounted to over £5,000,000, which compares with £53,000 in 1910. This indicates a change that is taking place in industrial assurance business.

Our reduced expense ratio has enabled us to give the excellent reversionary bonus of £1 14s. per cent. in the Industrial Branch and those to whom the payment of annual, half-yearly, or quarterly premiums in the Ordinary Branch is not convenient can be recommended with confidence to consider our endowment tables in the Industrial Branch.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH CLAIMS AND RESERVES

The chairman has called your attention to the fact that the total claim payments in the Industrial Branch amounted to £12,454,111 and that in addition £4,372,841 was added to the reserves which are set aside for the security of the policyholders, a total of £16,826,952 as compared with £17,385,175 paid in premiums. I make the comparison because it is often said that the difference in any one year between the amount paid to the policyholders and the amount received in premiums is profit to the company; sometimes, though not always, it is admitted that there are unavoidable expenses involved by the collection of premiums and in the general conduct of the business.

Really the surplus is the balance of income remaining after paying our current claims and expenses, and after setting aside the amounts it is necessary to reserve for future claims. Out of the income for 1929, as I have said, over £4,350,000 was thus reserved to ensure due payment of the sums assured to existing policyholders, and the total fund of this branch now amounts to £117,480,899. This represents the balance of income to date and is the present value of our liabilities to our policyholders after allowing for the present value of the premiums we expect to receive from them.

The chairman has pointed out that we now grant free paid-up policies after one year's premiums have been paid should a policyholder be compelled to discontinue payment. This practice compares very favourably with even the most liberal of ordinary companies, and it should be noted that the Prudential has always been the pioneer in granting free policy and surrender values to industrial policyholders.

THE BUSINESS IN CANADA

The chairman has referred to the fact that we are starting life business in Canada; this means that in future, emigrants to that country who are assured in the Prudential can keep their policies in force by paying their premiums in Canadian currency instead of as hitherto having to remit their premiums home or lose the full benefit of their assurances. (Hear, hear.) This removes a difficulty hitherto experienced by emigrants. We are thus, I hope, contributing in a small way to the solution of the unemployment problem by removing one drawback to emigration.

In the Ordinary Branch the increase in renewal premium income was £31,878, but it must be borne in mind that before any increase at all is obtained the annual premium income that goes off the books has to be made good. Last year, by death claims and matured endowments alone, we lost annual premium income to the extent of nearly £650,000, and to replace this required no small effort on the part of our staff.

One of the most frequent causes of anxiety among those with moderate means is as to how, if a surgical operation became necessary, the payment of fees could be met. We solved this difficulty for many of our clients by adopting some six years ago a scheme under which, without payment of an extra premium, holders of Prudential policies aggregating £1,000 or more are paid such portion of the sum assured, subject to certain limits, as is required to meet the costs of any operation they have to undergo, including nursing fees. During the past year a number of our policyholders benefited by this arrangement.

I believe the idea is still prevalent in some quarters that the Prudential only caters for the small assurer and that holders of Prudential policies aggregating £1,000 or more are not numerous. That idea is fallacious since every year a substantial proportion of our Ordinary Branch new business is made up of policies for £500 or more. Last year for example we issued 8,751 policies for at least £500 each, the aggregate sum assured being £7,176,649 and the average £820, a result which in no small measure is due to the rate of bonus we are able to declare. Further, these figures do not include single premium assurances.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT ASSURANCE

I should also like to mention the somewhat remarkable fact of the small extent to which advantage is taken of the benefits of assurance as applied to assurance against personal accident.

The large increase of traffic in recent years involved in the exigencies of modern travel has as we all know given rise to a steadily increasing number of fatal accidents, particularly road accidents. The Prudential paid during the year 1929 over 5,000 claims on life assurance policies due to fatal accidents, but I find that in only a very few of the cases have the assured made any special provisions for extra cover in the event of death being due to accident.

In the Ordinary Branch this benefit can usually be secured under any type of new or existing policy by the payment of a very small extra premium. I feel sure that if these facts were more widely known an ever increasing number of people would avail themselves of our double accident benefit scheme. The advantage of this method of combining fatal accident assurance with ordinary life assurance is that once the policy is taken out the double accident risk is covered without regard to any subsequent deterioration in the physical fitness of the assured. (Cheers.)

SIR WILLIAM DAVISON, M.P., said he wished to congratulate the directors on the very satisfactory results of the past year's business. It was no small achievement to have again reduced the expense ratio in the Industrial Branch to the low figure of 34.89 per cent. That was the more remarkable when they remembered that 10 years ago it stood at 40.5 per cent. The company was perhaps the greatest agency for thrift that the British Empire possessed. The fact that they had no fewer than 35,000,000 industrial policies in force at the present time was a great testimony to the thrift of the people, although it had to be agreed that there was still a large number of people who did not realize the necessity for taking out insurance to protect their wives and families. He endorsed what the chairman had said with regard to life assurances earmarked for the payment of death duties. He hoped that the Prudential, with its influential board, would devise some scheme which would commend itself to the Government—and especially the officials at the Inland Revenue—by which the ordinary individual could by an annual payment obtain protection against these heavy death duty claims.

SIR WILLIAM PLENDER ON THE COMPANY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

SIR WILLIAM PLENDER, Bt., G.B.E., said:—Ladies and gentlemen,—I have pleasure in acceding to the chairman's wish in saying a few words.

The balance-sheet presented to you to-day discloses assets aggregating £228,000,000, an increase over 1928 of £9,300,000; but, large as is this figure, it is small compared with the amount of the aggregate dealings in the purchase and sale of securities during the year which pass before the auditors and my firm.

The valuation made by the actuary has revealed a surplus from the life business, excluding the sum brought forward from 1928, of nearly £9,000,000, and, after the allocation of £1,733,000 to investment reserves and contingency funds, will permit of £5,793,000 being distributed by way of bonus to the participating policyholders of the Ordinary and Industrial Branches, and £528,000 to the members of the outdoor staff.

I have been much interested in seeing the table included in the directors' report, which shows that, since the initiation of the profit-sharing scheme 22 years ago, Industrial Branch policyholders and the outdoor staff have been allotted bonuses amounting to no less than £23,560,000. This is a great achievement and it should bring home both to the Industrial Branch assured and to the outdoor staff the fact that their interests are well served by the company. (Hear, hear.) And further interesting facts are the low expense ratio as mentioned in the directors' report, and, as stated by the chairman, the satisfactory rates of interest earned upon the combined life funds and on the new investments made last year.

The duty entrusted to my firm is that of verifying the existence of the company's securities, and my report on them is appended to the balance-sheet. The same care as I have stated on previous occasions continues to be exercised in their control.

A few months ago I was in Canada. Much was said to me about the progress of that great Dominion, and it was abundantly evident that it has a future of illimitable possibilities. But remarks were occasionally heard which pointed to the belief that England was not in some respects as alert as her children overseas. I tried, and not unsuccessfully, I hope, to modify if not remove that view, and when I told the Canadian people that an institution at home had over 27,000,000 life policies in force and completed an annual valuation of each risk by the middle of February, and announced during that month the individual bonuses, they were not a little surprised. (Hear, hear.) I need hardly say that I told them it was the Prudential, which, though 81 years old, is still virile, progressive, and unrivalled. (Hear, hear.) They marvelled at the organizing skill which enabled such results to be accomplished, and admitted that even they, with all their mechanical contrivances and restless energy, could not equal such an achievement. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said it was always a pleasure to hear Sir William Plender's speech. He was one of the best friends the company had. The directors were always glad of his guidance, and tried dutifully to fall in with all the recommendations he made. The company owed a great deal to the advice which he had given them, and which the directors, like wise men, had taken. (Cheers.)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

SIR JOHN H. LUSCOMBE moved the election of Mr. Frank Haycraft and the re-election of Sir Edgar Horne, Bt., Mr. Frederick Schooling, F.I.A., and Mr. John Roy Lancaster as directors of the company.

SIR GEORGE L. BARSTOW, K.C.B., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. T. C. DILL moved that the Hon. Bernard Francis Rollo and Mr. Henry Rogers Gray be re-elected auditors of the company.

Mr. D. W. BERDOE WILKINSON seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. JOHN HEDGES moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and directors for their services during the past year.

The motion was seconded by Mr. MARCHAND and carried unanimously.

SIR LAURENCE N. GUILLEMARD, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., proposed a vote of thanks to the management and indoor and outdoor staff.

Mr. F. HAYCRAFT seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

SIR JOSEPH BURN, K.B.E., F.I.A. (general manager), in reply, said he desired on behalf of the whole of the indoor and outdoor staff to thank the meeting for the vote of thanks. He could assure them that from the highest to the lowest, from his admirable deputies to the very youngest in the office, and from the senior members of the outdoor staff to those most recently admitted their constant loyalty and enthusiasm had been marvellous, and he could not overstate the praise that was due to them.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHAIRMAN

The Rev. SIR STANLEY DEWEY, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding over the proceedings, said that in spite of all the financial troubles of the past year the shareholders and policyholders of the Prudential knew that their interests were safe in the hands of their chairman and his colleagues. (Hear, hear.) Their company still had the vigour of youth, but that vigour and activity was mellowed by the prudence and mature wisdom of the chairman and the board over which he presided. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. A. C. B. WEBB seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation, and, the CHAIRMAN having briefly responded, the proceedings terminated.

TRAFFIC RECEIPTS

Company	Past week*	Inc. or Dec.	Aggregate Inc. or Dec. from July 1*
Argen. Transandine ..	£6,100	−702	+722
B.A. and Pacific ..	£184,000	−21,000	−490,000
B.A. Central ..	£113,650	−847	−38,256
Leopoldina Terminal	Rs.294,000	+6,000	+124,000 (Jan. 1)
Madras and S. Mah. (Feb. 8)	Rs.18,78,000	−2,20,169	+2,31,584 (Apl. 1)
Midland. Urug. .. (Feb.)	£34,149	+3,723	+10,211
N.W. of Uruguay (Feb.)	£7,340	−109	−1,585
Paraguay Cent. ..	£3,870	−210	−10,820
South Indian .. (Feb. 8)	Rs.12,84,657	+40,069	+43,17,296 (Apl. 1)
Uruguay Ntn. .. (Feb.)	£3,085	+106	−3,214
TRAMWAYS, &c.			
Barcelona Tram. (Jan.) ..	.. Pts.10,138,427	+969,285	—
Do. (net) ..	.. Pts.6,776,625	+77,194	—
B.A. Lacross ..	£11,794	−1,482	−35,556
East Afr. P. and L. (Nov.)	£9,857	+1,500	+17,400 (Jan.1/Nov.)
London Cnty. Cncl. (March 5)	£81,016	+2,648	+73,740 (Apr. 1)
Rangoon (Feb.) ..	Rs.1,40,130	+23,330	+64,075 (Jan. 1)
Shanghai Elec. Construction. (Feb.)	Mex.$222,473	+27,765	+71,945 (Jan. 1)

* Unless otherwise shown

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HENRY C. STEPHENS, LTD.
(STEPHENS' INKS)

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The FIFTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Henry C. Stephens, Limited, was held yesterday at Winchester House, Old Broad-street, London, E.C.

SIR HARRY GREER, D.L. (the chairman of the company), presided.

The SECRETARY (Mr. E. H. Moffatt) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors,

The CHAIRMAN said:—Ladies and gentlemen,—Very briefly I propose to review the items appearing in the accounts, and with your permission will conclude with some remarks concerning the present position and future prospects of the company.

The first item on the asset side:—Goodwill, trade marks, &c., appears at precisely the same figure as in former years, and in my later remarks I shall have a word to say regarding this very important asset. Freehold land, buildings, and leasehold premises.—Collectively these two items show a reduction of only £117 against the figures appearing last year. They remain to-day an essential asset prudently valued. Plant and machinery.—There is a slight increase of £250 on the figure appearing in our balance-sheet last year. Full and adequate depreciation has been provided. Stock in trade.—The valuation in comparison with last year shows a very slight decrease of £250. Stock is normal and may be taken as fairly indicative of our requirements.

Sundry debtors and bills receivable.—This year we show an expansion of £5,300 as against the figures appearing last year. This increase arises in the normal way of business and calls for no special comment. May I again repeat, every proper provision has been made in our accounts against bad and doubtful debts. Investments in British Government securities and cash in hand.—You will agree that the position disclosed is highly satisfactory. In comparison with last year our cash or equivalent reserves have increased by £23,000. Our investment in Government securities is taken at cost, and this cost figure at December 31 last disclosed a shrinkage of £1,267 over then current market values. Shareholders will be glad to know that the middle markings in these securities on Friday last disclose a market appreciation of £395 in excess of the figure at which they stand in the balance-sheet.

Turning to the liability side of the balance-sheet, the only item which calls for any comment from me is that of sundry creditors—the figure disclosed this year is £3,100 in excess of that appearing in our balance-sheet last year, and the difference merely represents the fluctuation in the movement of trade. No special comment is necessary from me excepting to say that the figure is inclusive of every contingency and liability which can be foreseen.

FRESH RECORD IN THE NET EARNINGS

Shareholders will appreciate from the accounts that we are again in the happy position of considering a fresh record in the net earnings of our company, and, going back now nearly 100 years, these profits have only once been exceeded—I refer to the post-War boom year of 1920, and even in that year the profits as disclosed were before charging anything for management expenses, the business at that time being in the private hands of the Stephens family.

The continued progress of the company, the consolidation of its assets, and the maintenance of its earnings are matters for congratulation to all concerned. It is frequently claimed that a company which has been highly successful under private management ceases to be equally successful under public control, the reason in favour of this argument being that under private management there is a more direct or intimate touch between the proprietors and their customers and staff. This may be so in some or even in many cases, but so far as your business is concerned I can assure you the same close and friendly relationship exists between the company, its customers, and staff as was previously the case. We all unfortunately know that in the past year under review trading conditions generally in this country were as bad as they could be, and with the exception, and that a very small exception, of a few selected businesses earnings have decreased and trading conditions generally have been very difficult. It must, therefore, be a source of satisfaction to us to feel that notwithstanding such difficult times our company has more than maintained not only its position but also its traditions. If I might attribute one or two reasons they would be these:—Our product is the best which money can buy, and when the public generally think of "ink" they think of "Stephens." We have a long and honourable record of straight and fair dealings with the trade and the public. We are served by a most loyal and industrious staff. We never incur a pennyworth of unnecessary expense.

In the export business conditions have become increasingly difficult, and wherever one looks there is a tendency towards raising tariff walls. If we take one of our own Dominions as an example—I refer to Australia—there is now a tariff against ink from this country entering Australia of 40 per cent., including an increase of 15 per cent. within the past few months. Whatever difficulties we may have to encounter it will be our endeavour in the future as in the past to maintain that high standard of quality in our products, and that same regard for honest dealing with our traders, both of which factors have been the backbone of the business in the past, and will continue in the future so long as the shareholders are content to entrust the affairs of the company to the present board of directors.

THE COMPANY'S MAIN SELLING LINES

With the annual report shareholders will have received a coloured leaflet showing some of the main selling lines of the company's goods. Our object in sending it out is to emphasize the fact that shareholders can, by insisting on having "Stephens," be of material help to the company. It has been my practice in the past to refer to some of the lines manufactured by your company. This year I should like to refer particularly to our typewriter carbon papers and typewriter ribbons. There is no doubt that the use of the typewriter is increasing, and as we have been making carbon papers and ribbons for many years we have a sound and expanding business in both these two lines. We have quite recently enlarged the range of our typewriter carbon papers, and are now in a position to supply three different grades and thus meet the need of all classes of consumers.

At the end of last year we introduced for the first time a pen and pencil carbon, and I am glad to be able to say that the reception it has met with from the trade has so far largely exceeded our expectations. There is a very large business to be done in typewriter carbon papers, typewriter ribbons, and pen and pencil carbons, and with still more enthusiastic support from the stationery trade we hope soon to get a larger share of it than we have done in the past. It is a difficult business because, as I say, a great deal of it is not done through the stationery trade, but has become to a large extent the preserve of the direct office canvasser.

I feel that a large part of a lucrative business has been missed and is still being missed by the stationery trade, and I think that opinion is shared by a large number of our customers. I am aware that there are many difficulties in the way, but as there must be hundreds of thousands of pounds spent in this country alone annually on typewriter ribbons and carbon papers the reward will justify any special effort that is needed. It is a business that legitimately belongs to the stationery trade, it is profitable, and it is right that they should have a larger share of it than they do. But it is only by means of a concerted effort on the part of the trade individually and collectively, backed by their trade organizations, that they will be able to retain the proportion of business that they already have, and prevent further inroads upon it by the direct office canvasser. I should like to say to our friends in the trade that anything we can do to help them we will most gladly undertake, and as we are now better placed than we have been to supply their needs, we do feel that we can materially help them.

POST RIBBON SERVICE

I wish particularly to refer to our post free by return of post ribbon service. There are a great number of makes of typewriters, each requiring a different ribbon, each having many different sizes and different colours of ribbons. This makes it almost impossible for a stationer to carry a sufficient stock of ribbons to meet the needs of his customers. The service we offer in a large measure obviates this, and enables him to carry only a small stock. All he has to do is fill in a postcard (which we supply), and by return of post he or his customer receives the ribbon or ribbons without any charge for postage. I refer to this matter at some length, because we hope that all our shareholders who use or have the use of typewriters should insist on seeing that their ribbons and carbon papers bear the name of "Stephens," and should know how easy they are to obtain from their stationers.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me in conclusion say experience has proved that the foundations of this century-old business are well and truly laid. The results of the last five years have proved as nothing else could prove that our business and the goodwill attaching to it is not one of a character affected by fleeting booms, nor again by great waves of industrial depression, and your directors are sanguine this business of ours will continue to be regarded in the future as in the past as an integral unit in the community of sound British commercial enterprises.

I would, in conclusion, again like to express to our staff at home and our representatives and agents abroad our great appreciation of their continuous loyal service to the company.

The CHAIRMAN then moved the adoption of the report and accounts, which was seconded by Mr. HAROLD E. STEPHENS (managing director), and after the CHAIRMAN had replied to questions, it was duly carried.

The Ordinary share dividend recommended was approved, the retiring director (Mr. J. H. Guy) was re-elected, and the auditors (Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Co.) were reappointed.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and the directors.

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MR. SAMUEL COURTAULD ON DIVIDEND POLICY

The SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Courtaulds, Limited, was held yesterday at Cannon Street Hotel, London, E.C.

Mr. SAMUEL COURTAULD (chairman of the company) presided.

The SECRETARY (Mr. E. Kettle) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors,

The CHAIRMAN, who was received with cheers, said:—Ladies and gentlemen,—I will now submit to the meeting: "That the directors' report and balance-sheet circulated among the Ordinary shareholders be taken as read." (Agreed.)

I will now move:—"That the report of the directors dated February 14, 1930, and the balance-sheet of December 31, 1929, now submitted, be and the same are hereby received and adopted, and that a final dividend on the Ordinary shares for the year ended December 31, 1929, of 6 per cent. free of income-tax (making with the interim dividend already paid 10 per cent. total for the year free of income-tax) be declared and paid to holders of Ordinary shares on the register at the close of business on February 14, 1930."

It is three years since I last came before you and explained the reasons for a marked falling-off in the earnings of this company. I am putting it this way intentionally because to-day it seems to be assumed, and indeed it has been publicly stated, that this is the first time for many years that Courtaulds have experienced a decline in profits, and the present set-back, of a kind which all developing industries must encounter from time to time, is spoken of as something unheard of. I will now merely draw your attention to the fact that for 1926 as compared with 1925 our trading profits declined from £5,111,000 to £3,840,000; for 1929 as compared with 1928 they declined from £5,171,000 to £3,743,000—not very dissimilar figures, you will agree. However, I shall return to this point later.

CAUSES OF DECREASED PROFITS

The principal two causes for our decrease in profits are matters of common knowledge. They are, first, the growing uncertainty about the future of the English silk duties, which began to make itself felt about the time of the last General Election; and, secondly, the set-back to American industry caused by the Wall Street collapse. The first cause has been by far the more important so far as we are concerned, and, as mentioned in the directors' report, the main fall in our profits has occurred in this country. I will therefore deal with the English position first.

As I am now going to touch on matters which have a political side, and as I am concerned to give only such facts as I can see, and to make only such deductions as I honestly believe in, and as I am concerned above all to avoid any exaggerated bias or any suspicion of a partisan attitude, I will begin by being perfectly fair and say that the uncertain fate of the artificial silk duties, although it is by far the greatest, is not the only difficulty with which our English business has had to contend throughout the year.

OVER-SUPPLY AND PRICE-CUTTING

It would be idle to ignore the unsatisfactory conditions which have prevailed all over Europe; over-supply and consequent price-cutting were much in evidence in England as well as on the Continent in the previous year, and, as I said at our last meeting, we could not expect to regain a stable condition of trade in a moment. Still, at the end of 1928, when prices had been recently readjusted and the rapid rise of production by home competitors was coming to an end, there were distinct signs of returning confidence, bringing with them the promise of better business for us. As a matter of fact, according to official returns, English production of rayon yarns only increased by 4 per cent. in 1929; so it cannot be said that increasing output was an important factor in causing trade conditions to get so much worse during the year. We believed that by Christmas we should have a period of steady, if gradual, improvement to look back upon, provided that no Government action, or inaction, shook the foundation of the commercial position.

THE SILK DUTIES

You may say that we should have foreseen a change of Government, and, following that, the upset of the silk duties; at any rate we warned you of the serious consequences which we felt sure would follow the second event. Frankly we did not expect that a Labour Government would take any action which could only result in an immediate increase of unemployment: still less did we expect them to make precedent an excuse for keeping an important industry in a state of paralysis by refusing to declare their intentions. More realistic treatment of urgent industrial problems was one benefit at least which we hoped would follow the accession of a Labour Government to power. For our part, if the duties were to be—or are to be—removed, we would far sooner have met the blow at the earliest possible moment and taken what steps we could to meet the new conditions before uncertainty and apprehension had driven large sections of the consuming industries away from the use of rayon.

At the present time the total weekly hours worked in our factories have been reduced by over 33 per cent., as compared with a year ago, and wages and production have fallen in proportion, but, even so, our stocks of yarn show no diminution as the fall in sales does not appear to be fully arrested. Our present output is actually less than half of what it would be if the whole of our plants, including the second Wolverhampton unit, were working at full capacity. This is the state to which we have already been brought mainly as the result of political uncertainty.

REMOVAL OF DUTIES A FIRST-CLASS CALAMITY

I told you last year what I thought would be the result of the actual withdrawal of the protection afforded to English rayon manufacturers by the existing duties, and I have seen no reason to modify my opinion since then—that is, that their removal would be a first-class calamity to all those engaged in the industry. I believe that it would be followed by many weaker producers disappearing from the field altogether, and that so far as Courtaulds are concerned it would definitely put an end to any hope of further expansion in this country and very probably result in a permanent shrinkage.

If the duties are to go you may rely upon our putting up a very strong fight against the foreign competition which will follow, and with our large units of production, high standard of quality and proximity to our chief market we shall have certain advantages which cannot be taken away from us. Nevertheless, the low rates of wages paid by Continental competitors much outweigh these advantages. It is still a fact that in several competing countries the rate of wage is less than half of ours, and in many qualities of rayon yarns this represents a saving to the foreigner of more than the 1s. a lb. which is the amount of protection we now have, and other things being equal would ensure him a very handsome profit while forcing us to sell at or under cost.

LOWER WAGES OR LESSENED EMPLOYMENT

I am pleased to be able to say that I have never had occasion to accuse our workpeople, male or female, of any lack of good will, skill or industry—(cheers)—in fact, I hold them to be better workers than any others to be found in Europe. Nevertheless it is mathematically impossible for any conceivable degree of skill to make up for more than a small fraction of the extra wage cost. I have no hesitation in making this assertion, for the unique position we occupy in being intimately acquainted with the working of factories which operate on practically identical lines in several different countries gives us the surest possible guidance in forming a judgment. It is therefore difficult to resist the conclusion that without some measure of protection we shall be faced with two alternatives: either a lowering of wages or a permanent curtailment of production—that is to say, the abandonment of important sections of the business with consequent lessening of employment, and the concentration upon qualities of output which embody a comparatively small labour factor. We have hitherto refused to consider reductions of wages because we felt that our profits warranted the payment of a high scale, but without some degree of protection it is difficult to see any other alternative than the equally disagreeable one which I have just referred to.

Those who adhere rigidly to the old free trade school may say that the present state of affairs has been caused by the original imposition of the duties having fostered unhealthy expansion, but I would submit that the powers that be should look at things as they are and not concern themselves too much with ancient history at such a critical moment. (Hear, hear.) There are many thousands of people dependent upon this industry for their living to-day; it is useless to argue, as some people will, that they should have been employed in some other trade, or that they should have emigrated, because they are in fact now with us, and they stand in imminent danger of being thrown into the ranks of the unemployed.

GOVERNMENT POLICY

While I am on this subject, may I say that the present deplorable position could not conceivably have arisen had the Government been composed of business men or paid due attention to business interests. (Cheers.) Any commercial man of experience could have foreseen that a threat of repealing a duty a year hence would infallibly have the effect of a gradual paralysis upon the industry concerned, resulting, as the critical day approached, in an almost complete standstill, with a consequent enormous increase in unemployment. I do not wish it to be understood that I am criticizing the present Government in particular; how often do we find in Budget debates in the House of Commons that decisions are taken in a comparatively few minutes, and upon imperfect information, in matters affecting the vital interests of hundreds of employers, and the very livelihood of tens—if not hundreds—of thousands of workpeople.

I feel that it is high time, in this great commercial country, that large questions affecting industry should cease to be treated in this summary fashion or be made the sport of party politics—(hear, hear)—and that our statesmen should recognize them as one of the chief, if not the chief, among the objects of Governmental concern.

NATIONAL VALUE OF RAYON YARN

Then there is another point I should like to put forward for consideration beyond these walls. Rayon yarns produced in this country are nearly 100 per cent. British from the initial raw materials upwards, and this cannot be said of any other thread or fibre used by the great textile trades. The cost of our own average viscose thread, analysed according to the cost of its constituent parts, is 85 per cent. English; 10 per cent. may be attributed to the cost of the pulp, which is frequently, and may be always, an Empire product; only 5 per cent. is at present necessarily foreign in origin. On the other hand, a raw silk thread is 100 per cent. foreign; in the case of a cotton thread of an average quality about two-thirds of the ultimate cost is accounted for by the imported raw cotton and only one-third is expended in England, and the same thing is true of many qualities of worsted and linen. Any Government, present or future, which is concerned to attack unemployment and the adverse balance of imports would do well to realize that the manufacture of rayon yarn has a national value under these two headings to a degree which is not true of any other textile. (Hear, hear.)

RETURN ON CAPITAL

As I wish to make it perfectly clear that, in my belief, this industry is not in a position to withstand any heavy shocks to-day, I can show you another side of the picture which will reinforce what I have already said. Our own English rayon branch in 1929 only earned about 9 per cent. gross upon the money which has actually been sunk in it, and the rate since the end of the year must be much lower than this, and this is in spite of the fact that we have the largest units—and therefore almost certainly the lowest costs—and realize the highest average selling prices of all the spinners of viscose yarn in this country. It is of course true that through our depreciation policy in past years we have written off a proportion of the capital expenditure on plant and buildings—but no more than we have believed to be necessary, although some manufacturers may appear to hold a different view—and therefore the position is rather better for us to-day than it would be if all the capital expenditure was of recent date.

The profit which is equivalent to this 9 per cent. is arrived at after making all depreciation allowances for the year, but before the payment of income-tax. When the income-tax upon these English earnings and the income-tax upon our investment income are added together it appears that, excluding the payment of Excise duties, Courtaulds' contribution to the National Exchequer in respect of 1929 will amount to a great deal more than the whole net profit yielded by their industrial operations in England; and there is food for serious thought in the fact that, as things are to-day, it would actually be a financial advantage for this company to become domiciled abroad instead of retaining its domicile in this country.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

I have now said nearly all I can about the state of business in England, and it is really quite impossible to forecast the future at all closely without knowing what the Budget will contain. It is quite certain, however, that 1930 cannot in any circumstances be a very successful year for the English rayon trade, for even if the duties are retained it is hardly possible that the very serious loss of profit for the first four months can be recouped by any expansion in the rest of the year. I must also ask you to note that all I have said about last year's difficulties and the present uncertain outlook of our yarn-producing branch applies with even greater force to our weaving branch, which at present is working only half time, with, I regret to say, the prospect of still further reductions in view.

POSITION IN AMERICA

I will now say something about America. We are informed that the Viscose Company made steady progress for the first 10 months of the year, with a gradually increasing output, which actually amounted to about 50 per cent. of the total American production of rayon yarns; and there was some reduction of the manufactured stocks with which 1929 started. Then, as you know, at the end of October the Wall Street collapse gave a far-reaching shake to national confidence; the upward curve was suddenly reversed; sales were severely curtailed, and the loss of two months' growing trade adversely affected the expected balance of profit for the year: consequently it was no use looking to America for any increased income to offset our loss of English profit: even so, the dividends received from that country account for much more than half of our total profits for the year.

The present American outlook is not very clear; the first wave of depression seems to have passed, and there is evidence of a return towards normal trade conditions—at any rate among manufacturers of the staple fabrics which consume the larger part of the Viscose Company's output, for the luxury trades do not appear to be making the same recovery. But another factor we have to consider is the growth of competition among the American producers of rayon yarns: there will probably be a large increase of output during 1930, and the recent check to consumption may be found to have resulted in letting production get ahead of it. If this is the case salesmen will have a difficult period to face, though they do not expect the industry to be thrown into a state of chaos such as has prevailed on this side of the Atlantic.

SITUATION IN EUROPE

I now come to the Continent of Europe and our interests there. I need not tell you that 1929 did not witness any improvement in the Continental rayon industry; that much is evident from the fall in share values. Production continued to grow rapidly, increasing by about 34,000,000lb., or 19 per cent., during the year, and price-cutting was keener than ever, resulting as always in a general unsettling of markets and a frightening away of consumers. The only satisfactory feature of the situation is that Continental producers at last seem to be realizing that such a game is not worth playing, for if continued it can only result in ultimate loss to all.

Certain agreements and fusions of interests have already been made which should result in some elimination of overlapping and wasteful competition, but the field has not yet been fully covered, and there are further difficulties to be overcome before we can say that the outlook is settled. I need hardly tell you that we have taken what part we could in helping to bring about a better state of affairs: Courtaulds have hitherto always stood for conciliation, agreement, and ordered growth.

This brings me to the subject of our own Continental commitments. Owing to the over-production and price-cutting which I have noted it is, we believe, true to say that little, if any, profit was made by anyone in the Continental rayon industry during 1929, and as regards the factories in which we are directly concerned, at Calais and Cologne, this was no disappointment to us, as they were too recently started to justify the expectation of profits accruing at such an early date. The other companies, however, in which we are interested to large amounts as shareholders suffered heavy falls in the prices of their shares, bringing the book values of these investments far below the prices which we paid for them, even though these prices were themselves far below the highest points reached by these shares. Consequently when we followed our invariable, and the only sound, practice of writing down all our quoted investments to market prices at the end of the year we found that we had very heavy sums to write off.

REASONS FOR MAKING CONTINENTAL INVESTMENTS

Now I have no doubt that some of you have asked why we ever made these investments. If they were to be regarded merely as financial speculations or valued merely by the probable direct yield from them, there would be some justification for doubt, although we might claim that every expansion in a business of this nature is necessarily a speculation, and that, though we may sometimes have guessed wrong, yet we have often guessed right. But these investments were never regarded by us in this way; we acquired very important holdings, coupled with certain rights and obligations, in two large European rayon companies, with the main object of helping to stabilize world markets, and postpone, if we could not finally avert, the chaotic position to which unregulated competition has now after all reduced the industry on the Continent.

We should naturally have liked these investments to have earned us handsome dividends, but we did not count upon these, and we were even prepared to face such a writing-down of values as has actually occurred, for we believed that, even so, we should be substantially better off on balance. This belief I hold to have been justified, for the steps which we took in January, 1927, to prevent a wide market collapse continued to make themselves felt beneficially for about two years, and there is no doubt that they played a very important part in producing the satisfactory results which we laid before you for the two years prior to 1929. Moreover, these investments, which in our opinion are now valued upon a solid basis, represent a series of alliances which should prove of inestimable worth to us in future negotiations, especially in the event of this country being laid open to attack by Continental importers through the removal of the artificial silk duties. (Hear, hear.)

GROUNDS FOR CONFIDENCE

As I have already kept you a long time endeavouring to give you a true picture of the difficulties which are naturally uppermost in all our minds, I will now mention more briefly the grounds which we have for confidence. In the first place, we have made continued and substantial technical progress during the year, especially towards the simplification of methods, with important possibilities in the way of reduced costs. I need say no more about these except that they will undoubtedly add to our competitive strength, and, though we do not flatter ourselves with the possession of a monopoly of brains, under anything like fair conditions we shall not fear a trial of strength with anybody. (Hear, hear.)

Then as to our financial methods, in spite of reduced earnings we have continued to write down our plants at the usual rates of depreciation as hitherto, whether they have been in full work or not, so that our present-day costs of production will reap the full benefit of this.

BOARD'S DIVIDEND POLICY

Now, finally, I am going to try to meet two lines of criticism to which we have been subjected—one, that we should have put ourselves in the position of being able to equalize dividends by distributing less liberal dividends in the past, and the other that we should have distributed a higher dividend this year and should not have written our special losses out of profits. It is evident that these two criticisms are, to some extent, mutually destructive, and they bring us back to this: that you cannot please everybody, unless everybody wants the same thing. (Laughter.)

To those who think that we should have declared a lower dividend last year and that the declaration which we did make raised false hopes as to the future I would reply as follows: We had frequently been found fault with in the past for being illiberal to our shareholders, and for adding to what were called unnecessarily large reserves. Last year we had exceptionally satisfactory profits to deal with. We started by adding £1,000,000 to general reserve, and then we gave our shareholders the direct benefit of the remainder, believing that they are entitled to a higher-than-average rate of distribution after an exceptionally good year, and feeling that anyone who is not wilfully blind must realize that an industry which has been expanding at such a prodigious rate as this is necessarily speculative in character, and that downs must be expected as well as ups.

At the same time we did our best to avoid raising undue future expectations by clearly warning our shareholders to expect reduced profits in 1929. I said at our last meeting that the "*very best* we could hope for" was that profits would not diminish, and I gave substantial reasons for showing how unlikely it was that even this maximum of possible good fortune would be attained. I cannot believe that the majority of our shareholders would like dividends to be kept down to such a low level that any possible decline from one year to the next would be for ever ruled out.

NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES

Other critics have suggested that we should have paid a higher dividend this year and written down our Continental investments out of general reserve, or alternatively that we should have set apart a portion of the general reserve for the equalization of dividends, and drawn upon that. Now, I will point out that we have actually drawn £700,000 from last year's carry-forward towards the writing-off of these investments and the payment of the dividend, which in principle, though not perhaps in amount, comes to what these people desire. But the underlying reasons for not taking from general reserve in one form or another are two. In the first place we believed that the declaration of a dividend higher than 10 per cent. for the year would have been definitely misleading, for it would have indicated, we thought, that the period of difficulty through which we were passing was merely temporary, and encourage hopes of an earlier revival than we think to be likely.

COMPETITION

The second reason is this: We cannot rule out the possibility that the real fight is yet to come, and it would be folly to deplete our reserves in advance of that event. (Hear, hear.) I said earlier that Courtaulds had hitherto stood for conciliation and agreement. Up to the present we have believed that it has paid us—and also benefited the whole industry—to uphold a steady level of prices, even if it involved putting some restriction upon the expansion of our output. Lately, however, we have begun to feel that our forbearance has sometimes been taken improper advantage of, and that others have sought to advance their frontiers or stake out claims while we have held our hand. We do not intend to look on at this for ever, for if we did we might find that the whole of our territory would be taken from us. At any rate we feel that under present circumstances a large reserve of liquid resources may prove to be the most potent argument for a conclusion which will give us the position to which we are entitled. (Hear, hear.)

DIFFICULTY OF STABILIZING DIVIDENDS

To return to the question of the stabilization of dividends, I think it is necessary to reiterate what I have often tried to establish in the past. The world's output of rayon yarn, which was a comparatively small thing before the War, has been multiplied nearly six times since 1922, the first year of which I have comprehensive statistics, and now exceeds 400,000,000lb. per annum, which is four times the world output of raw silk. All the time new discoveries have been made and technique has constantly been changing. Now it is idle to say that an industry in this condition of rapid growth and rapid change is not highly speculative in character, or to compare it with manufactures which have had a mature life of a hundred years or so. This being so, I repeat that it seems to me impossible to guarantee stabilized dividends without fixing them at an unduly low level.

No one regrets more than we do that the shares of our company have been made a gambling counter, but from the nature of the case we can neither guarantee a steady level of earnings nor immunity against occasional losses. It is therefore impossible to prevent fluctuations in the price of our shares, and no stabilization of dividends would stop this, for, after all, it is not the amount distributed but the amount earned and the value of the assets which are the paramount factors in determining the true value of a share—(hear, hear)—coupled, of course, with the view taken of future prospects; and of these we have always endeavoured to give you the most sober and carefully balanced estimate.

EXPECTATIONS FOR 1930

Now, what I have said cannot have been very encouraging, and may perhaps have seemed rather involved, as I have touched on so many problems; I will therefore endeavour to give you a summarized view of our expectations for 1930. I must ask you to note that I am not able to take into account the effects of a possible economic world crisis which some people think we may have to face before long. Certainly it is true that there must be underlying causes for the general depression which is affecting the whole of European trade to-day, and it is equally certain that these general causes are beyond the control of those who are directing this industry.

Leaving this out of account, the probabilities seem to be as follows. At the best it hardly seems likely that we shall avoid some further diminution of our English profit this year. In America also there seems reason to fear a shrinkage, though not to anything like the same extent as we are threatened with here if the duties are abolished. On the Continent no considerable profits are to be looked for at an early date. On the other hand, it is most unlikely that we shall have to face a writing down of assets on any scale comparable with what has recently occurred. With these views before you you will no doubt be able to grasp the possibilities and probabilities as well as we can do ourselves.

Now I have kept you a long time; so I will not go through the balance-sheet item by item. It is made out in the new form required by the Companies Act, and is quite easy to understand, and after what I have said I hardly think that any more detailed explanations are necessary.

I will ask the deputy-chairman, Mr. Stanley Bourne, to second the resolution. (Cheers.)

Mr. STANLEY BOURNE (deputy-chairman) seconded the resolution.

The CHAIRMAN then invited questions.

SHAREHOLDERS' QUESTIONS

Mr. D. A. THOMAS said that he had written to the directors asking for certain information, but had been unable to obtain it. He considered that all the shareholders had a right to obtain information regarding their undertaking, in order that they might get an idea of what the future of the company would be. He had also asked for permission to go over the company's works at Wolverhampton and Coventry, but had been refused that permission. When he was in America he had been allowed to go over many works, and he thought that he ought to have the same privilege in this country. He understood that about half their dividends came from the profits of the Viscose Corporation in America. He would like to know whether that was correct.

Mr. SAVORY.—I should like to ask what is to-day's market value of the company's investments in Government securities at present standing in the balance-sheet at £9,810,882. I ask this because in 1921 the company held £4,000,000 in Government stocks, which were valued at the low market price then ruling, when War Loan was quoted about 32 and Conversion Three-and-a-Half per Cents. about 62; apparently these stocks are still valued at these prices. If this is the case, I respectfully suggest that, when so much has this year been written out of profits off the value of the Continental investments, our holding in gilt-edged securities might have been written up to to-day's market value.

THE AMERICAN VISCOSE CORPORATION

I should also like to ask what profit was made last year by the American Viscose Corporation. In asking this question I am fully aware that the same question has been put to you at previous meetings, but you have informed us that it is not in the interest of the shareholders that the information should be given. In view of the fact, however, that this information is public property in America, I cannot see why the English shareholders should not also be told. In the Senate at Washington last month Senator Wheeler read out the profits of the Viscose Company for the three years 1926, 1927, and 1928, and he gave them as $27,609,050, $29,051,180, and $31,645,901. It appears to me that when all the depressing factors are brought forward the shareholders should be given some better idea as to the value of the American investment, as otherwise many English shareholders are scared out of their holdings owing to their not having this information.

I notice that investments in and advances to subsidiary companies are this year valued at £18,363,758, whereas at the end of 1927, and also, I believe, last year, the American Viscose Corporation alone was valued at £18,557,248. May we take it that the American Viscose Corporation has now redeemed the balance of its Preferred capital, or have you written down the value of this investment?

May I suggest that this year, if profits are sufficient, instead of a sum being placed to the reserve fund, the directors start a dividend equalization fund? Your dividend policy seems to be something like a switchback railway, and if you could set aside sums to a dividend equalization fund, so that when you increase the dividend shareholders can feel satisfied that the increased dividend will be maintained in the future, it would greatly benefit them and would also remove the Ordinary shares from the speculative category into which they have been brought by the dividend policy.

Mr. MASON said that he would like to draw attention to the item of "Balance for the year, including interest and dividends on investments and after charging depreciation of buildings, plant, &c., and expenses of management, and providing for contingencies." He would like to have that item analysed in order that the accounts might be more intelligible. With regard to the item of investments, the directors knew what their value was, but that item was no help to him in forming an opinion of what his shares were worth. He knew he would be told that it was not in the interests of shareholders that such information should be disclosed, but he considered that that was a completely worn-out tale, and he was tired of it.

CONFIDENCE IN THE BOARD

He had much faith in the ability of the chairman and his co-directors. They had been through a very trying year, and it was highly probable that they had still further troubles ahead, but he had not the slightest doubt that they would emerge from them triumphantly. His fervent wish was that the chairman and his colleagues might have good health, and then he was convinced that things would be all right with the company.

He would like to know whether they had paid a visit to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to explain their views as to the effect of a removal of the silk duties. In his (the speaker's) opinion, such removal would be madness. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. DISNEY asked whether it would be possible for the meeting to pass a resolution protesting against the possible withdrawal of the silk duties.

Mr. PRICE said that the chairman had referred to severe price-cutting which was taking place between the company and its competitors. He would like to know what the policy of the board was in that matter. Was it feasible to open negotiations with their competitors and arrange something in the nature of a stabilization of prices? He understood that many other companies were agreeable to adopting that course, and he believed that the position was that it only needed the good will of Courtaulds to bring about such a state of affairs. Surely it would be beneficial to every one concerned.

RETAIL TRADE

Mr. RUMBOLD said that he would like to say a few words with regard to the retail trade. The value of the goodwill of the name of Courtauld was enormous, but he did not think that much use was being made of it so far as the customer was concerned. In fact, he thought that that goodwill was being depreciated. When ladies went into a shop and asked for artificial silk they got it; but if they asked whether it was Courtaulds no one could tell them whether it was or not. (Hear, hear.)

It was true that Courtaulds did advertise in certain papers certain names of their products, but the name of Courtaulds did not appear. He wished that steps might be taken to advertise the name of the company to a greater extent.

Mr. HOWARD, supporting the previous speaker, said that since the last meeting he had consulted upwards of 1,000 ladies, and they had all told him that they had been unable to obtain Courtaulds' goods. He would suggest that some easily remembered name should be adopted for their products, as was the case with some of their competitors.

Mr. MORRIS said that he thought that a good deal of the falling off in the company's profits was accounted for by the fact that acetate silk was to a very great extent interfering with the sale of viscose, and he would like to know whether the manufacture of the company's acetate silk, which had recently been commenced, was giving satisfaction. He regretted that Courtaulds had not recognized the possibilities and potentialities of acetate silk six or seven years ago, when they would not have had anything like the competition which they were meeting to-day.

He had seen it stated publicly in print that Courtaulds were no longer the largest manufacturers in Great Britain in regard to length, weight, or quality of output, and he would like to know whether that was true or whether the company still remained the premier company.

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY

The CHAIRMAN.—If there are no other questions I will try to answer those which have already been put. Mr. Thomas wants to know whether he can visit our English works. Without knowing whether Mr. Thomas has any direct business connexion with us I cannot answer that; but our rule is that no one visits our works unless they have business to do there. It may seem hard, but when you think that we have 70,000 shareholders how can we possibly prevent all kinds of people going into our works and picking up information if we allow any shareholder to go? (Hear, hear.) When Mr. Thomas goes to America he goes as a stranger, and I suppose with credentials and introductions, and gets shown their works. I venture to say that no works in America would allow 70,000 shareholders to go through. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Thomas also asked some other questions about the American company which were also asked by Mr. Savory. Mr. Savory asked one thing about the market value of our Government securities. We have always stated on our balance-sheet, I think, that these securities are valued either at or under cost, whichever is the lower. We do not write them up, and we do not write them down unless they go below what they stand at in our books. These Government securities some time ago did hold a large hidden reserve, but there has been a large fall in Government securities, as in everything else, and although there is still a small surplus in that figure it is nothing like what it was a year or two ago. However, they are still somewhat above to-day's market price.

Then Mr. Savory wants to know a good deal about the American Viscose Corporation's figures, and so on, and quotes some figures given by Senator Wheeler in the Senate. Those figures I have seen myself, and I have examined them. They are only an estimate, and I must tell you that they are extremely inaccurate. They are miles from the truth in most respects, and I believe they were challenged by a Republican Senator on the other side. Senator Wheeler made some fantastic statements about the cost price of viscose yarn which were not, I suppose, 50 per cent. or 100 per cent. within the truth. His other figures are absolutely valueless for anyone who wants to form any idea of the profit.

VALUE OF AMERICAN INVESTMENTS

As to the valuation we place upon the American investments, two years ago we stated the figure at which we valued them. I think it was £18,500,000. That was stated by us in our report, I believe. Since then the Preferred stock has been sold, and since then the Canadian company has been incorporated. Those, however, are relatively small things. The vast proportion of that figure—perhaps 80 per cent. or 90 per cent.—is still accounted for by the American shares. They have not been written down. The American Ordinary stock we hold stands at the same value to-day as it did two years ago. I might perhaps refer a little to this question that we always get—this hoary question—about the American investments, and I am afraid that some of my answer will also be hoary. I should like to say that we do not resent this question. It is perfectly natural that shareholders should want to know all they can about their investments, and I must ask you to believe that we fully realize our responsibility in administering this large investment for you. But we are still of opinion that it is to your best interests to withhold financial details. (Hear, hear.) I think we can also maintain that the past history of the American investments justifies this.

It would be perfectly easy for us to give you the whole of the figures, and it would be pleasant for us to do it here because it would put a stop to this distrust and also reduce our load of responsibility. At the same time it would be utterly wrong for us to do so from a business point of view. Very many people, especially our competitors, would give a great deal to know these figures, and when they got them you may be quite sure they would not use them to our advantage. None of our important competitors issues figures which will tell you anything at all. We are always examining their balance-sheets, and would only like to know. No single company of any importance gives the information you wish us to give. Most of those companies are linked up with other companies. They are subsidiaries of other companies. Many of them are private companies. There are no reliable statistics going about or figures to be got from balance-sheets at all; and, of course, they do not publish their profits. If we gave away all you ask for it would simply amount to giving away the plan of your defences to the enemy. I must adhere to our previous practice of not giving any figures. At the same time I might refer to one or two previous statements I have given, which may help you a little. Mr. Thomas was not quite right. I said that much more than half of our profit this year came from America, which is the fact.

AMERICAN RESERVES

Then as to the American reserves, some people think they have enormous, fantastic reserves in America. I think that at a previous meeting I stated that the policy of the American directors in regard to reserves was just about on a par with our policy here. You may infer what they put to reserve from what we would consider reasonable in their circumstances—and you know what we do. (Laughter.) At the same time, I do not want you to think there is any mysterious hidden treasure here. The reserves, we believe, are what are reasonable for a company in that position. Business is business on both sides of the Atlantic and not a fairy tale anywhere.

Another thing: we stated when we last revalued the American assets that the valuation we put on the shares was fully covered by our share of the solid assets. That means that there is no water in them, and I think we stated that there was a little bit to spare. (Laughter.) I would like you to understand that there is nothing extraordinary there. The position is the same to-day. I think this ought to enable you to form some kind of view as to the worth of those investments, but I cannot give you any more detailed figures.

Mr. Savory also said, though I cannot agree with him, that our dividend policy has been mainly responsible for the speculation in our shares. The opportunity for speculation is given by the fluctuation in profits, which we cannot stop. I think the responsibility for it probably lies with people whose interest it is to foster speculation; it certainly is not ours.

Mr. Mason said he could not make out from the balance-sheet what the profit was. On the first page of the report we state that the trading profit was £3,743,827, which, of course, is after payment of income-tax. I am much obliged to Mr. Mason for his kind expression of trust, and hope we shall continue to keep that trust. He asks if we have been to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The answer is, "No," because the Chancellor would not see us. (Laughter.) In all fairness, however, I must say we have seen other Government officials; we have seen the Chancellor's Secretary, and, I believe, the Chancellor is fully acquainted with our views, although we were not allowed to state them to him in person.

Mr. Disney makes the interesting suggestion that this meeting should pass a resolution to the Chancellor, but I am afraid, knowing the Chancellor's temperament and political complexion, it would be of no use at all.

Mr. Price asks about price-cutting and negotiations. We continually negotiate about price-cutting, but perhaps Mr. Price will know what I mean when I say that we only negotiate with what we call solid people who have something to offer and who are likely to be an important factor in the business. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Rumbold raised very interesting questions about Courtaulds' name and goodwill in the retail trade. He is there touching on questions which I personally do not know much about, because I am not on the commercial side of the business, but I think I can say this: this interesting and difficult question continually has our attention.

POLICY

The next shareholder who spoke—Mr. Howard—compared our policy with the British Celanese company's policy. There are various things one could say about that. Our biggest customers are the wholesale trade who are manufacturers of stockings and all kinds of things, and even as far as our woven goods are concerned we send them to the wholesale and do not deal with the retail direct. Those manufacturers mostly have their own trade-marks and goodwill, and the most suicidal thing we could do would be to alienate them. We have to consider that first and whether we can with them evolve a policy of advertising which will bring our name forward without hurting their interests. We have to consider their interests first. We are investigating the question of special trade-marks and so on.

A Shareholder.—May I suggest that when you actually go into the retail trade you should do it thoroughly?

The CHAIRMAN.—But we are not in the retail trade. I might point out that a very small percentage of our rayon yarn is used by our own weaving branch, and some of those goods are advertised, but by far the bigger part is sold by us in the form of yarn and always goes through the hands of other manufacturers.

Mr. HOWARD.—Could you possibly suggest that it might be for the advantage of the company if the wholesalers had the word "Courtaulds" on their advertised goods? (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN.—I will not say more than that is the kind of question we have been investigating recently. Mr. Howard says: "Why not follow Celanese policy?"—but as to following their policy, would you like us to follow their policy in making profits? (Laughter.)

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN referred to the appointment to the board of Mr. John Coldbrook Hanbury-Williams and moved his election as a director. Mr. Hanbury-Williams, he said, had youth, strength, and energy, and they expected him to be of great assistance to them on the commercial side.

Mr. S. BOURNE (deputy-chairman) seconded the resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

The CHAIRMAN then moved that Mr. S. Bourne, Mr. S. A. Courtauld, and Sir Thomas P. Latham, Bt., be re-elected directors.

Mr. G. J. BELL seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Mr. L. DENNY, seconded by Mr. H. P. LAWSON, Messrs. W. Elles-Hill and Co. and Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Co. were reappointed joint auditors.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, directors, and staff concluded the proceedings.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

The latest Bank of England statement, made up to March 5, provides a striking contrast with the previous return, bankers' deposits showing a large increase (£12,981,000), mainly as a result of an important expansion in the security items. Payment of the half-yearly dividend on Victory Bonds is reflected in a reduction of £4,312,000 in the Public Deposits. This has gone to swell the other deposits, which were also increased by additions of £4,190,000 to the Government securities, £2,125,000 to the discounts and advances, and £2,235,000 to the "securities." As a net result of an increase of £483,810 in the note circulation and a rise of £310,960 in the coin and bullion, the reserve shows a diminution of £172,850. In view of the large increase in deposit liabilities the "proportion" has fallen from 65¼ per cent. to 60 9-16 per cent., as may be seen below:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

Notes issued:		Govt. debt. ..	£11,015,100
In circulation	£347,295,975	Other Govt. securities ..	233,374,129
In banking department ..	64,305,798	Other securities	10,944,046
		Silver coin ..	4,466,725
		Amount of fiduciary issue	260,000,000
		Gold coin and bullion ..	151,601,773
	£411,601,773		£411,601,773

BANKING DEPARTMENT

Capital ..	£14,553,000	Govt. securities	£38,631,563
Rest ..	3,725,818	Other securities:	
Public deposits*	7,674,949	Discounts and advances ..	6,840,871
Other deposits:		Securities ..	15,103,832
Bankers ..	63,604,475	Notes	64,305,798
Other accounts	35,921,849	Gold and silver coin ..	688,425
Seven-day and other bills ..	2,398		
	£125,570,489		£125,570,489

* Including Exchequer, Savings Banks, Commissioners of National Debt, and dividend accounts.

—	Amount	Inc. or Dec. on last week	Inc. or Dec. on last year
	£	£	£
Rest	3,725,818	+ 18,063	+ 9,905
Public deposits ..	7,674,949	− 4,312,104	− 608,986
Other deposits:			
Bankers ..	63,604,475	+ 12,980,537	− 489,059
Other accounts	35,921,849	− 309,518	− 1,374,268
Govt. securities	38,631,563	+ 4,190,000	− 6,165,292
Other securities:			
Discounts and advances ..	6,840,871	+ 2,124,516	− 3,588,540
Securities ..	15,103,832	+ 2,234,973	− 1,011,630
Reserve	64,994,223	− 172,850	+ 8,253,626
Note circulation	347,295,975	+ 483,810	− 7,792,296
Coin and bullion	152,296,198	+ 310,960	+ 481,400
Proportion	60⁹⁄₁₆%	− 5⅝%	+ 8⅛%

CLEARING HOUSE RETURN

A total of £997,658,000 is shown by the London Bankers' Clearing House return for the week ended March 5—an increase of £53,795,000 compared with the corresponding week a year ago. The aggregate total for 1930 to date is £7,982,962,000, being £599,503,000 less than the total to March 6 in 1929. The usual details follow:—

1930	Town Clearing.	Metropolitan Clearing	Country Cheque Clearing	Total
Feb. 27	£150,610,000	£4,806,000	£7,979,000	£163,483,000
„ 28	214,642,000	5,202,000	8,255,000	228,099,000
Mar. 1	112,285,000	5,449,000	8,475,000	126,189,000
„ 3	156,625,000	8,150,000	8,725,000	167,500,000
„ 4	125,541,000	8,139,000	12,060,000	145,740,000
„ 5	143,866,000	6,538,000	17,341,000	168,645,000
Week	£903,569,000

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

SETTLEMENT DATES

Ticket ..	Mar. 18	April 1	April 22
Pay-day ..	Mar. 20	April 3	April 24

BRITISH FUNDS, &c.

Highest and Lowest, 1929	Name of Security	Closing Prices	Rise or Fall
58⅝ 52	Consols, 2½% ..	53⅝ 53⅝	+⅛
89⅝ 81⅛	Do., 4%	85¼ 84	+⅛
103¼ 99⅛	War Loan, 5% ..	102⅛ 102⅛	+⅛
107⅜ 99⅛	Do., 4%	101⅛ 102⅜	..
91⅛ 82½	Fd. Loan, 4½% ..	93 93⅛	+⅛
93⅛ 90	Victory, 4%	92¼ 92⅜	+⅛
99⅜ 90	Do., 5% Sn. Bds.	92¼ 93⅛	+⅛
80¼ 72⅛	Conversion 3½% ..	75¼ 76	+⅛
93 83	Do., 3%	85⅝ 85⅞	+⅛
100 93	Treas., 5%	100⅛ 100⅜	..
100⅜ 99⅛	Treas., 5½% '30	100⅛ 100⅜	..
101⅛ 97⅝	Do., 5% '33-35	101⅛ 101⅜	..
101⅜ 96⅝	Do., 5% '36-37	99⅝ 100⅛	..
98⅝ 94⅝	Do., 4½% '39-42	99⅛ 99¼	..
97⅛ 93⅛	Do., 4% '40-50	96⅛ 96⅜	..
104 85	Irish Land, 2½%	85⅛ 87⅛	..
85 80¼	Do., 3%	81⅛ 84⅛	..
84 80¼	Local Loans, 3%	82½ 82⅝	+⅛
90¼ 80	Do., 2½%	82 84	+1
99¼ 90	Transvaal, 3% '23-53	82 84	..
286 239	Bank of England	246 251	+1
83⅛ 77¼	Egyptian, 5% ..	79 81	..
81⅛ 80	India, 5½% ..	101⅛ 101⅜	+⅛
61¼ 50	Do., 5%	50½ 51⅛	+⅛
51¼ 44	Do., 4½%	41½ 43¼	+⅛
101⅜ 98	Do., 4%	99¼ 100¼	+⅛
93⅛ 80¼	Do., 4% '60-90	81 82	..
109 103⅛	Sudan, 4½%	106 107	..
66½ 60	Lnd. City, 3% ..	61¼ 62⅝	..
76¼ 70	Do., 2½%	72 73	..
104⅝ 99¼	Do., 5% '40-60	101 102	..
104¼ 100	Corp. of Lds., 5%	100⅜ 101¼	+⅛
63 59	Met. Water, "B"	62 63	..
67 58¾	Do., "A"	61 62	..
95⅝ 81	Met. Cons., 3% ..	83½ 84½	..
75½ 67½	Do., 2½%	69½ 70½	..
64 58	Pr. of Lond., 3%	.. ..	..
.. ..	Do., "A"	59½ 60½	..
85¼ 76¼	Do., 4% "B" ..	78 80	..
100¾ 93	Do., 4½%	94½ 95½	..

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103½ 98	Aust., 6% '31-41	98	98½	..	..
99¼ 90½	Do., 5% '45-75	90¾	90⅝	..	..
91¼ 86¼	Can., 4% '40-60	87	87⅛	..	..
89⅜ 78⅜	Do., 3% '50-70	82¾	82⅝	..	..
93⅝ 91⅛	Cape, 4% .. 16-36	95	95½	..	..
89⅜ 78¼	Do., 3½% .. 29-49	81	81½	..	..
81⅛ 78¼	Do., 3% .. 32-43	80	80½	..	..
113⅜ 108½	G.Col., 6% '45-70	109	109⅜	..	..
104¾ 99	Kenya, 5% '45-58	100	100⅛	+⅛	..
89⅝ 81⅝	Natal, 3½% .. 34-44	86¾	85¼	..	..
80⅜ 75	Do., 3% .. 20-49	75	75½	+⅛	..
89⅜ 83¼	N.S.W., 5% .. '35	84½	84⅝	+⅛	..
80 75¼	Do., 3½% .. 30-50	70	70½	..	..
94⅜ 90½	Do., 4% .. 1933	91¼	91¾	..	..
92⅜ 87¼	Do., 4% .. 1935	89	89	..	..
102 92	Do., 5% '47-57	101¼	101¾	..	..
104 98¼	N. Zeal., 5% .. '45	100¾	101¼	..	..
97⅛ 91⅛	Do., 4½% .. 45	92¼	92¾	..	..
89⅛ 82⅛	Do., 4% .. 43-63	83	83½	..	..
89⅛ 84¾	Do., 4% .. 49	85	85½	..	..
80¼ 75	Do., 3% .. 1945-77	78	78	..	..
104⅜ 98⅜	Nig., 5% .. 47-57	99	99½	..	..
100 99	Qld., 5% .. 40-60	85½	85	..	..
94 87	S.Aus., 5% .. 1945	77½	78	..	..
104¾ 98⅜	S.Afr., 5% .. 45-75	99¼	99⅝	+⅛	..
90 81½	Do., 4% .. 43-63	83½	84	..	..
99⅜ 89	S.Aust.,5% .. 48-78	87½	88	..	..
102⅝ 97⅜	Tas.,5½% .. 40-60	91¼	91¾	..	..
95⅞ 90⅜	Vict., 5% .. 45-75	87½	88	..	..
77⅜ 70	Do., 3½% .. 20-45	69¼	70¼	..	..
95⅜ 91	W.Aus.5½% .. 45-75	87¼	87¾	..	..
90⅜ 86	Do., 4% .. 20-45	82¼	82¾	..	..
81¾ 72	Do., 4% .. 40-70	72¼	73	..	..

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT

Making-up Price Mar. 3	Name of Security	Closing Prices	Rise or Fall
92⅛ ..	Arg., 4% Resolution	84¼ 85¼	..
81½ ..	Do., 4% 1900	82 83	..
90⅜ ..	Do., Port Cap., 5%	90 91	..
102¼ ..	Austrian, 4% ..	102 103	..
110 ..	Belgian, 5% ..	103⅜ 103⅝	..
91½ ..	Berlin (City of), 6%	90¾ 91⅝	..
91⅛ ..	Brazil, 4% 1889	53 54	+¼
65¾ ..	Do., 5% Reasmion	55½ 56½	+¼
64¼ ..	Do., 5% 1913	55 56	+1
76¾ ..	Do., 5% Fdg., 1914	78 79	+¼
81⅞ ..	Do., 5% 1927	83 84	+1¼
57⅝ ..	Bremen Cons., 7½% ..	56¾ 57¾	..
79 ..	Bulgaria, 7%	77 79	..
92⅝ ..	Chile, 6% 1925 ..	92½ 93½	..
88 ..	Do., 5% 1911 ..	85 87	..
104¾ ..	Do., 4½% 1922 ..	103 105	..
100¾ ..	Chinese, 1898	98¾ 99¾	..
81¼ ..	Do., 4½% 1896 ..	81 82	..
47⅛ ..	Do., 5% 1912 ..	47 49	..
63⅜ ..	Do., 5% 1913 ..	60¾ 61¾	..
29¾ ..	Do., Shanghai, 5% ..	28 30	..
25 ..	Do., Tientsin, 5% ..	23 27	..
33½ ..	Do., Hukuan, 5% ..	27 30	..
111¼ ..	Czechoslovakia, 8% ..	111 112	..
77¼ ..	Egyptian Unified ..	76 76	..
102⅛ ..	French, 5%	103¾ 103⅞	..
82 ..	Do., 4%	79¾ 80¾	..
104⅛ ..	Do., 4% Stabilization	102¾ 103½	..
100¾ ..	Hungarian, 7½% ..	100 101	..
17⅜ ..	Italian, 3%	17¼ 18¼	..
74 ..	Do., Cst. Consert. "B"	100⅜ 101½	..
74 ..	Japan, 4% 1899 ..	73½ 74½	..
91½ ..	Do., 5% 1907 ..	91¼ 91¾	..
99¼ ..	Do., 1924	99¼ 100	+¼
92⅝ ..	Tokyo (City of), 5½%	92 93	..
20 ..	Mexican, 5%	18 20	..
81 ..	Peru, 6% .. 1926 ..	80½ 81½	..
90⅝ ..	Polish, 7%	90 91	..
42¾ ..	Portugal, 3%, 1st Ser.	42⅜ 43½	..
47 ..	Roumanian, 4% Cons.	46 47	..
35 ..	Russian, 4%, 1889 ..	2¾ 3½	..
3½ ..	Do., 5% .. 1906 ..	3 3½	..
102¼ ..	Slesvig, 6% .. 1924 ..	102 103	..
14 ..	Turkish, 1% .. Unified	12½ 13½	–¼
64 ..	Uruguay, 5½% ..	63 65	..
.. ..	—	— —	..
111¼ ..	Peruvian Corp. ..	101¼ 111¼	+¼
52⅝ ..	Do. Pref.	51¼ 52¼	+¼
105 ..	German Potash, 7%	104½ 105¾	..
82 ..	Sao Paulo Coffee,7½%	84 85	+2

BRITISH RAILWAYS

91	Great Western ..	88⅜	89½	+⅛	2
—	Do., 4% Deb. ..	78¼	79¼	..	..
—	Do., 5% Gtd. ..	89¼	90¼	+¼	4
—	Do., 5% Red. Pf.	89½	90½	+¼	4
51¼	L. Mid. and Scottish.	50½	51¼	+¼	4
—	Do., 4% Deb. ..	76¼	77¼	+¼	4
—	Do., 4% Gtd. ..	73½	74½	+⅛	4
—	Do., 4% Pref. ..	68¼	69¼	+⅛	4
—	L. and N. Eastn. Def.	10⅝	10⅞	..	..
54½	Do., Pref. ..	35½	36¼	+⅛	2
—	Do., 5% Deb. ..	55¼	56¼	..	..
—	Do., 4% 1st Gtd.	71½	72½	..	..
—	Do., 4% 1st Pref.	67	68	..	..
—	Do., 4% 2nd Pref.	61¼	62¼	..	..
64½	Metropolitan ..	62¼	63¼	..	2
74½	Met. Dist.	72	75	..	..
31½	Southern, Defd. ..	30⅜	31⅜	..	..
73	Do., Pref.	71¼	72¼	..	..
—	Do., 4% Deb. ..	76¼	77¼	..	..
—	Do., 5% Gtd. ..	93	95	..	..
—	Do., 5% Pref. ..	87⅞	88½	..	..
23⅛	Underground, £1 ..	22⅞	23⅞	..	..
105½	Do., Income	106½	106½	..	..

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL RAILWAYS

81	Antofagasta, Cons. ..	80	82	..	..
—	Argentine Gt. Western	79	81	..	..
—	Argentine N. Eastern	25	27	..	..
94½	B.A. Gt. Southern ..	94	95	..	..
85½	B.A. and Pacific ..	85	86	..	..
74	B.A. Western	73½	74½	..	..
212½	Canadian Pacific ..	208½	209½	–¼	4
78½	Central Argentine ..	78	79	..	..
75	Central Uruguay ..	71½	73½	..	..
18	Cordoba Central ..	17	19	+½	..
30	Do., 2nd Pref. ..	29	31	..	..
29¼	Costa Rica	28	29	..	..
81	Entre Rios	80	82	..	..
—	Int. Cost. America ..	29½	32½	..	..
40	Leopoldina	48	50	..	..
7½	Mexican, 1st Pref. ..	7	8	..	..
4¼	Nitrate (Reserr) ..	4	4¼	..	..
183	Sao Paulo	182	185	..	..
19	United of Havana ..	17	19	..	..

BANKS AND DISCOUNT COMPANIES

Security	Closing Prices	Rise or Fall	Security	Closing Prices	Rise or Fall
Ag. of Egypt ..	7½	..	Lloyds, A. ..	60⅞	+⅝
Alexandra ..	5⅝	..	Martins ..	37½	..
Anglo-L. Am. ..	3⅝	..	Merc. Ind. Co.	15	..
Bk. of Aust. ..	12⅛	+⅛	Midland .. £1	77⅛	..
B. Ld. & S.A. ..	8¼	..	Do., £12 ..	..	..
Bk. of Mtl. ..	63½	..	(£2 10s. paid)	9¼	..
Bk.of N.S.W. ..	38	..	National	9¼	..
Bk. of S.A. ..	5⅛	..	Nat. Dist. B.	7¼	..
Barclays, A. ..	7¾	..	Nat. Egypt ..	32	..
Do., B.	5⅝	..	Nat. India ..	44½	..
Do., D.C.O. ..	26⅜	..	Nat. Prov. Ld.	14⅜	..
B. Overseas ..	5⅛	..	Nyl. of Can.	6⅝	..
Can. Com. ..	8⅜	..	Ottoman	1½	..
Chr. India ..	1⅛	–⅛	Ottoman Bk. ..	2⅜	..
District	5⅛	..	Prov. of Can.	2⅜	..
Eng. S. & A. ..	6	..	Rhodesia	3⅜	..
Ionian	9	..	Roy. Bk. of Can.	32	..
Lon. Cty.	6	..	Scottish	6⅝	..
Lon. Joint	6	..	Union of Aust.	10½	..
Lon. Prov.	2½	..	Un. Discount ..	8¼	..
Lon. Scottish ..	3⅝	..	Westminster ..	75⅜	..
Martins	37½	..	Do., £1	42⅛	..
Mercantile	9	..	Wms. Deas ..	40⅛	–5d
Ringlowe	10⅜	..			

INSURANCE

Alliance, New	19	..	Nthn. Assur.	15½	..
Atlas Assur.	12⅝	..	Phoenix, Lp.	13¾	..
Britannic ..	14⅛	..	Prudential ..	21⅞	..
Com. Union ..	2⅝	..	Do., "B" ..	3⅜	..
Eagle Star ..	11⅜	..	Royal	71⅜	+⅛
Empr'r's Liab.	72⅛	..	R. Exchange ..	6	..
Gen. Accdt. ..	1.3⅝	..	Scottish, "A" ..	1.5⅝	..
Guardian ..	9¾	..	Sea	74⅛	–6d
Ld. and L. ..	2.6⅜	+¼	Sun Assur. ..	37	..
Lds. Assur. ..	9½	..	Sun Life ..	5.3⅜	..
L. Brit. & M.	5.2¾	+¼	Y'ksh're (50/-)	6.5⅛	+⅛

TEXTILE AND CHEMICAL

Anal. Cotton ..	0.7⅛	..	Engl. Cotton ..	1.2⅜	..
Bleachers ..	19/9	+3d	FineSpinners ..	25/0	+3d
Bolton, J. ..	4/0	..	Hyde, J.	4/0	..
Brad. Dyers ..	25/0	..	Imp. Chem. ..	25/1½	..
Brit.Celanese	1.2/6	..	Do. Defd. ..	7.7½	..
Do., 2nd Pf. ..	10/6	..	Jute Ind., Pf.	2/6	..
L. Cot. Dyers ..	5/6	..	Linen Thread ..	1.2/6	..
Brit. Cable ..	1.5⅛	..	Lister	1.5/9	–3d
Calico Print..	1.2/9	+2d	Patons & B. ..	20/0	..
Cst. Celanese	2¼	+⅛	Rylands	20/9	..
C'tw Amer. ..	5⅜	+⅛	Salt Union	1¼	..
Do., "A" ..	6.5/9	–1d	Salts (St'ns) ..	2/6	..
Cook, Sm. ..	6½	..	Shirley Ulcome	10/9	–9d
Courtaulds ..	2.3⅜	–⅛	Wardle&Dav. ..	1.3⅜	–⅛

ELECTRICAL POWER AND EQUIPMENT

Ass. Elec. In.	26/0	..	Hydro Elec. ..	48	+2¼
Allen	3.7½	..	Immed'te Pf.	37/0	..
Bandoeng 7s	2⅝	..	Metro. Elec.	58/6*	–1¼d
B'mouth&Pt.	59/6	..	Mex.Lt.Com.	70	..
Brazil Trac. ..	40½	+1¼	Do., 1st Pf. ..	74	–⅜
Brit. Insul'd	4.7/0	..	Ind. Cmstion	3.7.0*	+1¼d
Brush Elec. ..	1.2.7	..	Newc'le Elec.	23/6	..
Canadian ..	1.2.7	..	Perak River ..	10/0	..
City of Lond.	53/0	..	Stanton	23/0	..
County Gas ..	44/0	..	Trinc. Consd.	2.6	..
English Elec.	3.4½	+1¼	Vic. Falls ..	2.1⅛	..
Gas, Ltr., ..	46/2	+2d	Whitehall Pf.	24/3	+3d
Hong'g Tel. ..	5.5⅛	+⅛	Yorkshire ..	1.51/3	..

MISCELLANEOUS

A. & E. Trad.	14/3	..	Imp. Smelt.	17/6	–6d
Am. Dent. Dr.	4/3	..	Imperial Tob.	4.8⅜	+1½
Apollinaris. ..	8/6	..	Imp. Tob. Can.	4.0/3*	+1.3d
Asd. Cement	24.1⅜	..	Int. Nickel ..	59¼	–⅛
Austin, B. Pf.	13.9*	..	Kreuger & T.	29¾	+⅛
Bovril, Def. ..	37/6	..	Lever, 7% Pf.	22.10½	..
Brit. Aluca. ..	42/0	–5d	Lyons, M. ..	22⅝	+⅛
Brit. Am. Tb.	5.0.*	*10½d	London Brick	39/0	..
Brit. Match	25.1⅛	–1¼d	Manbré & Dr.	15.0	+5d
Brit. Oil Cake	31/6	+5d	Marconi Mar.	2⅜	–⅛
Brit. Port Cm.	2⅛	+⅛	Do., Can.. ..	1⅛	–⅛
Brit. Ropes ..	5/0	..	Marg. Unilever	9⅝	+⅛
Cah.A.W. ..	27	..	Mather & P. ..	2.5.*	+⅛
Do., 7½% A.	27	..	Nairn, M. & G.	2⅝	..
Do., 5½% Pf.	99¾*	+⅛	Napier	4.3/5	+5d
Carreras, "A"	9	..	P. & O., Def.	47/0	..
Col. Graph. ..	6¾	–⅛	Phillips (G.) ..	1.3⅜	..
Critall	1.7/6*	+1½d	Pinchin, Johns.	49/0	..
Cr.&Bl. .. 1 Pf.	11/10½	–1½d	Prin. H'dge.	28/0	..
Canard Ste'm.	21/3	..	Rolls-Royce ..	41/3	+1/3
Dennis Bros. ..	1.15⅛	..	Rover (G.) ..	7/6	..
Dunlop Rbr. ..	11/6	..	Royal Mail ..	23½	–1½
E. Kesdyn'n, B.	17.4½	..	Singer	1.1⅜	..
Finlay, Jas. ..	8	–⅛	Sc. Q.Arg.Mt.	5¼	..
Furness, W.	13/6	..	Smith, Mot. Gas	98	..
Gas Lt. & C.	17/6	..	Spillers ..	22/6	+9d
Gaumont Bc.	14.7½	–5d	S.T.D., Pref.	11/1½	..
Globe Tot. ..	20⅜	..	Swed.Match.B	16⅛	..
Gramophone ..	3⅝	..	Turner & P. ..	31⅛	..
Guy Motors ..	15.0*	–3d	Utd. Dairies ..	31/0	+1½d
Harrisons&C.	6⅛	..	Us. Molasses ..	4⅞	..
Imp. Airways	22/9	+3d	Utd.Tob.(8.) ..	41⅛	..
Imp. Con. Gas	60	..	Wall Paper D	41/9	–5d

COAL, IRON, AND STEEL

Amal.A'th'te	5/3	..	Howard & B. ..	2.1g.	..
Armstrong ..	0/8	..	Lambert	3.6/6	..
Babcock&W.	3.9/6	+6d	Pease & Pnsn.	5/6	+1½d
Baldwins	3/0	+1½d	Platt Bros. ..	5/6	..
Bengal	10/3	..	Powell, Duff.	11/3	+6d
B.S.A.	3/6	..	Richdsn, Wor.	4/0	..
Bolsover ..	17.0*	+4½d	Ruston & H.	7.1½	..
Brown(John)	2.7½	..	S. Spnkman	12/3	+5d
Cammell Ld.	1.10½	..	Staveley	1.9/9*	+5d
Consett	9/3	..	Stew.&L.Def.	22/3	..
Cory (Wm.)	2.5/0	–6d	S. Durham ..	2.2/0	..
Dorman&Long	5.7½	+4½d	Stewart&Hunter	2.5/6	+1/6
Ebbw Vale ..	1.7½	..	Tata, Deb. ..	97½	..
Guest, Keen	3.2/6	–5d	Thomas, R. ..	2.1½	..
Hadfields ..	8/0	..	Vickers	8/0	+5d
Hald.&W.P.	9/0	..	Weardale,Dd.	1.9/3	..
Hopkinson. ..	3.5/9	–1/3	Yk.Am.A&D	7/6	..

BREWERIES

Allsopp	2.2/6	..	Ind. Coope ..	6.0/0	+3d
Bass, Ratcl.	6.1/0	+6d	Mann's	3.3/5*	+1½d
Benskin's ..	3.1/0	–5d	Mitch's & B.	5.1/0	..
C. of Lim., Def.	8/9	..	S. Alfred ..	5.6/0	..
Courage	6.0/0	..	Taylor, Wlkr.	3.1/6	+6d
Distillers ..	6.3/0	+6d	Threlfalls ..	4.6/9	–9d
Guinness	9.8/6	..	Walker P.&C.	1.7/0	..
Hoare	6.0/3	..	Watney, Def.	5.2/9	..

STORE, CATERING, AND HOTEL

Aerated B. ..	1.7/3	–3d	Lewin Ptg. Pf.	4.8/9*	+1½d
Army & N. ..	3.3/5	+3d	Lipton	4.1⅛	–1½d
Barker	6.4/0	..	Lyons, "A" ..	4.1.3⅛	..
Boots Pure D.	5.1⅜	+1½	Maple	3.5.9*	–3d
Charlton ..	3.4/0	..	Mayf'r & Wstn.	14/0	..
Debenhams ..	9/0	..	Maypole, Def.	5/6	+1½d
Gordon Hts.	1.3/9	+1½	Savoy Hotel	3.3/9	..
Harrods	6.6/9	–3d	Selfridge, Pf.	2.5/3	..
Harrds(R.A.)	1.7.10½	–3d	Spiers&P.	1.0.9	..
Honest C.&S.	1.6/0	+1½d	Waring & G.	2.4/6	–3d
Internat. Tea	2.0.7½	..	Whiteley ..	3.7/0	..

FINANCIAL, LAND, &c.

Arg. Ld. Inv.	3.7/0	..	Dalgety ..	11	..
Arg.Stks.Ld.	2.0/0	..	Forestal ..	1.5/6	..
Aust. Est. M.	5.3	–2	Goldstr., Mt.	2.9/6	–6d
Aust.Mrc.f.p.	7⅛	..	Hudson's B.	4⅛	+1⅛
Brit. N.Born.	7/3	..	Kansala Cot.	5.0	..
Cty. Ld. Real	1.8/0	..	S.L.L. & M.	1.0.4	..
Centova	1/6	..	SudanPlants.	5⅝	+1⅜

RUBBER

Allied Sum.	1.5/6	–6d	L. Asiatic ..	4.4½	–⅛
As.-Dutch ..	3.5/0	–3d	Luiput	1.1⅜	..
As.-Java	2/10½	..	Malacca ..	1.7⅛	–⅛
As.-Malay ..	3.3/9	..	Malaysian ..	2.4.6	–3d
Bah Lias ..	27/6*	+3d	Mendaris ..	1.8/6	..
Bajoe Kidoel	1¾	..	Mortlesat ..	2.4½	..
Batu Tiga ..	1⅜	..	Pataling ..	1⅝	..
Bertam Cons.	4.1½	..	Perak	3/3	..
Bukit Mer'ta	3/0	..	Rembau Jebt	2/0	..
Golden Hill	6.1⅛	..	Rubber Tst.	3.6/3	–1½d
Cons. Malay	5/0	..	Sarawak ..	2.1⅛	..
Duff Devt. ..	3½	–⅛	Selangor Us.	2.4½	..
E. Asiatic ..	2/3	..	Senaah	1¼	..
Grand Cent. ..	7⅛	..	Silalang ..	1¾	..
Gula Kalang	1¼	..	Straits Rbr.	1⅜	..
Highlands ..	1.1.3½	..	Sum. Para. ..	3.1½	..
Java Invest.	1.0.9	..	Tandjong ..	1⅜	..
Java United	1.7⅛	..	Tanjong Mal.	1⅛	..
Jugra&Carey	15/0	–6d	Telogorejo ..	1.7⅛	..
Kapar Para	1¼	..	Tjiasmeng ..	3/9	..
Kuala Lump.	1.7⅛	..	U. Sua B'l'g	2.10.3⅛	–1⅛
Labu	1.1.1⅛	..	U. Sumatra ..	2/0	..
Lanadron ..	3⅜	..	U. Temiang ..	2/3	..
Linggi	1.7.3⅛	–1.3.3	Vallambrosa	13.0	..

TEA

Amal. Est. ..	2.1⅜	..	Eastn. Prod.	4.5.16	..
Ar.-Ceylon ..	1.1.1⅛	..	Empire	1.3.3⅛	+1.3.3
Assam Co. ..	3.3/1.3	+10¼d	Gairns	2.2.16	..
Assam Front.	21/6	+3d	Imperial Tea	1.4.1⅜	–1.3.3
Beaw'tawa ..	2.3.9	..	Jhansis ..	4.5/6	..
Brahmap'tra	28	..	Jokai	6.9.0	..
Brit. Indian	20⅜	..	Jorehaut ..	3.2.15	..
Budla Beta ..	3.3.4	–1/0	Lanka Plant.	3.7/0	..
Carolina ..	1.0.1⅛	..	Lebong	3.7.9	..
Ceylon Plant.	1.0.3.5	..	Lungla	1.5/6	+9d
Chargola ..	3.9	+1.3.3	Makum	1.4	–1.3.3
Chulwa	3.3.3	+1.3.3	Sedcem	2.9.6	..
Cons. T. & L.	2.5.4	+1.4	NewDimbula ..	6	..
Darjeeling ..	2.3.4	+1.3.3	Nuwara Eliya	5.17.3.2	+1.3.3
Darj. Cons. ..	3.1.4	+1.3.3	Pabojan ..	4.4.4	..
Deundi	1.5.3	+3d	Scot. Tea & E.	3.3.3	..
Doonee	2.1.8	..	Singlo	2.3.4	+1.3.3
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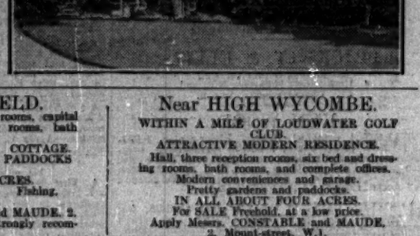

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th.

OLD ENGLISH FURNITURE, a Hepplewhite sideboard and pedestals, Queen Anne bureaux, a Georgian sideboard and octagonal wine cooler, a set of 10 Chippendale design chairs, a set of six carved gilt fauteuils, a panel of old Soho tapestry, antique Persian rugs, a Waterford cut-glass chandelier, Porcelain, French bronzes, &c., the property of CAPTAIN E. J. AN CUTSEM, and removed from The Lodge, West Malling, Kent, and from other sources. On view two days prior.

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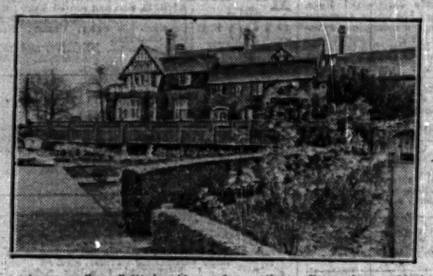

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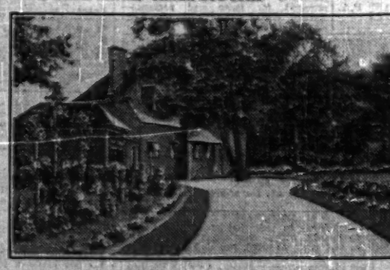

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